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Worth Checking Out

Pool holiday schedule

The Albany Pool, located at 1311 Portland Ave., will have a special holiday schedule for the Thanksgiving weekend. On Thursday Nov. 27, the pool will be open for lap swim from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. On Friday, Nov. 28, the lap swim hours are 6 a.m. to 7:55 a.m.; noon to 12:55 p.m.; and 6:30 a.m. to 7:25 p.m. Recreational swim will be 2:30 p.m. to 4:20 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. to 9:20 p.m. Adult classes will meet as scheduled.

Saturday and Sunday hours are as usual. Saturday laps 7 a.m. to 8:25 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Sunday 1 p.m. to 2:25 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 4:30 p.m. to 6:25 p.m. Recreational swim is 2:30-4:20 p.m. on both days. All Saturday classes meet as usual. Come and enjoy the pool on the long holiday weekend. Details: 559-6640.

AIDS Quilt display here

The 10th observance of World AIDS Day will be commemorated this year at the Albany YMCA, by bringing 180 panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt to be displayed on Thanksgiving, Thursday, Nov. 27 from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Friday, Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The public is encouraged to come by the YMCA at 921 Kains Ave., Albany to view the quilt display.

On Monday, Dec. 1, Anna Holprin, recently awarded the prestigious Scripps Lifetime Achievement Award, will be heading an evening of dance, titled "Positive Motion." The dance is an effort to bring the community together for an evening of support and healing for individuals living with HIV/AIDS and also to remember those who have died of AIDS. The dance will be held at the Albany YMCA from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Both events are free. Details: 525-1130.

Prince on video

Video tapes of the sessions conducted last summer in El Cerrito by the Prince of Wales's Summer School in Architecture are available for viewing. You can check out the videos either at El Cerrito City Hall, Community Development Department, for a \$48 refundable deposit, or at the El Cerrito Public Library according to their check-out procedures. Details: 215-4380.

Rainhat stories

The El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., will hold a Rainhat Storytelling Program on Thursday, Dec. 4 at 3:30 p.m. for children ages 5 through 12. Stories and simple paper craft will be introduced. Parents are welcome to participate. This free program will last 45 minutes to an hour. Details: 526-7512 during library open hours (Monday, noon-6 p.m.; Tuesday, 1-6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Friday and Saturday 1-5 p.m.; Wednesday and Sunday the library is closed).

Holiday bazaar

The Arlington Community Church and the Kensington Senior Activity Center are presenting "Holidays Around the World," a holiday luncheon and bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Local school children will celebrate this area's cultural diversity and the bazaar will feature handcrafted works, jewelry, fine white elephants, and holiday goods.

For reservations, call 526-9146. For senior activities and donations, call Margaret Rule at 525-2319.

'Beauty and the Beast'

A cast of local 10- to 17-year-olds will stage an adaptation and presentation of "Beauty and the Beast" when the Contra Costa College Young Actor's Workshop opens its new season Friday at the college Performing Arts Theater on El Portal Drive in San Pablo. The cast creates its own characters using improvisation techniques, then memorize and perfect them into a new telling of an old story (with many of their own songs).

Performances are Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 22 and 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$6 and are available at the door. Details: 236-3323 or 237-3987.

Top court ducks cardroom

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Yet another blow was dealt to the proposed cardroom at Golden Gate Fields last week when the California Supreme Court denied a petition to review an appellate court decision rendered partially in favor of the Citizens for Responsible Government.

The denial comes more than three years after Albany voters approved the proposed 150-table cardroom by a narrow margin. By refusing to hear the matter, the state's top judicial body sent the lawsuit back to Superior Court to determine the effect of both the ballot question posed as Measure F and of a pair of

agreements, signed in 1996, promising an environmental review of the project.

"I think we're as excited as ever," said David Arkin, president of the small, citizen-based group that has thus far brought the cardroom project to a screeching halt. "Victory is in sight."

Albany Mayor Bob Good, who originally voted against putting the cardroom on the ballot but has since supported it, felt differently, however, calling the legal mire the cardroom appears to be sinking into an indictment of the judicial system as a whole.

"It just looks like this thing's going to go on

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Development at Del Norte



Steve Bowie of Pacific Development Group speaks at last Friday's groundbreaking ceremonies.

Jeff Lindquist

Construction officially starts on Del Norte Marketplace

Completion of retail complex expected by next summer

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — As the old saying goes, one person's big box homogeneous retail complex is another person's redevelopment triumph. With high hopes and gold-painted shovels, El Cerrito city officials and friends celebrated the start of construction on Del Norte Marketplace last Friday.

For more than a decade city officials have worked to develop the area west of San Pablo Avenue across from the Del Norte BART station.

At the midmorning groundbreaking ceremony attended by about 40 people, Redevelopment Agency Chairperson Jane Bartke recalled past difficulties the agency has had trying to lure businesses to the area.

She said that in the past this stretch of San Pablo had a blighted look to it and added: "We all remember the motel we don't want to

talk about," a reference to the seedy Bay Bridge Motel that used to stand near the present construction site. Bartke said the area now "has a lot of synergy," and that the new retail complex will be good for the city and the area.

Built by the Pacific Development Group, three large stores will be completed on the site sometime next summer.

There will be a 24,000-square-foot Staples store, a 21,865-square-foot Pep Boys outlet and a 13,905-square-foot Walgreens. There will also be a much smaller store on the south edge of the complex, but that tenant has not yet been named.

Some people have criticized the development. Last August City Councilmember Mark Friedman called the project, "the perfect example of auto-driven, big box, homogeneous retail," designed mainly to increase sales tax revenue for the city.

And the visiting student archi-

tects from the Prince of Wales Institute envisioned relocating BART parking to the area instead, to free land for development at the station across the street. Contractual obligations, however, dictated otherwise.

And as Mayor Norma Jellison has pointed out, the city needs that revenue.

The complex will bring in an estimated \$150,000 per year through sales tax. In addition, approximately \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year will go to the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency, and presumably some of those funds will wind their way into city coffers.

During a talk after the groundbreaking ceremony, the mayor explained that in the past retailers didn't want to locate in this part of El Cerrito.

She said the area has now "turned around" and predicted the Del Norte area, "will become a successful and vital part of our community."

■ **El Cerrito, Albany have a high interest in low interest rates as both cities move to refinance past bond issues.**

Move will ease Agency debt

By J. R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — In order to save money by taking advantage of lower interest rates, the City Council (with one councilmember absent) unanimously approved a plan to refinance Redevelopment Agency bonds at Monday's council meeting.

Redevelopment Agency chair and city councilmember Jane Bartke, likened the move to home owners refinancing their homes after interest rates have dropped. Elisa Tierney, Redevelopment Program Manager, said in a pre-

sentation to the council that the bond refinancing would give the Agency an extra \$420,000 up front and would save \$70,000 a year on interest. The new bonds would replace ones issued by the agency in the early 1990s, when interest rates were much higher than they are today.

She told the council: "This is a real opportunity created by the low interest rates in today's marketplace."

Also, instead of the current bond reserve fund, a surety bond will be used to insure the bonds.

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Greg Hugunin

Lower interest rates will mean lower payments for the city on the Library/Community Center.

Library bond refinancing ok'd

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — In a move which could save the city more than \$19,000 per year, the Albany Public Facilities Financing Authority — sometimes known as the Albany Reinvestment Agency, but more often as the City Council — refinanced the bonds that purchased and built the city's Library and Community Center.

The move, approved with little comment and a unanimous, 5-0 vote Monday night, will allow the authority to refinance the 1989 and 1992 lease-revenue bonds at lower interest rates, thus generating the savings. The

bonds are paid off in part through city's landscaping and lighting assessment of \$75.54 per household, although the savings will not show up in the form of smaller tax bills but will instead be applied to other capital needs.

The authority has not met since late 1991, just prior to the issuance of the 1992 bonds. The 1992 bonds, along with various grants, allowed the city to build the community center, while the 1989 bonds went toward purchase of the site on which it sits.

According to a staff report from Finance and Administrative Services Director Pat Cabrera, refinancing the bonds

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Soccer players kick up fuss over lack of fields

■ **The Portola blackout is being eyed, but funding the project is an obstacle.**

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — A display of kid power at Monday's City Council meeting resulted in pledges by council members to establish a youth-oriented soccer field in the city.

With more than 90 people packing the room, about half of them being young students in their red and black soccer uniforms, the council chambers were awash in youthful exuberance, concerned parents,

supportive citizens and knobby knees.

A succession of kids and grown-ups waited their turn to urge the council to support and assist the construction of a soccer field in the lot adjacent to the Community Center on Mooser Lane. Several adults pledged their "sweat equity" to the project, saying they would donate their time and labor to help build and maintain the field.

"Where are these kids going to play?" asked parent Richard Firestone, calling himself "an old baseball player who's had to learn to be a soccer coach."

Firestone lamented the fact that El Cerrito has no playing field dedi-

cated solely to this increasingly popular sport. He said that especially as kids got older — 16 to 18 years old — they have to travel farther from home to find an adequate playing field. "Playing soccer keeps them off the streets and helps develop as young citizens," he told the council.

But the best argument for a new field came from one of the kids who told council: "We have to go to Richmond and play on that really messed-up field."

Councilmember Mark Friedman, speaking after the public comments, seemed heartened and invigorated by all this civic effort. He told the kids that when he first became in-

involved in politics it was to stop a war in Vietnam, not to build a soccer field. He commended the kids and parents on their work and said: "I pledge to work with all of you to make the field a reality." He contended that there are a lot of creative ways to raise the money necessary to build a soccer field.

Rob Griffin, president of the El Cerrito Soccer Club, said in an interview that the 450-member group has been working for more than four years to build a "dedicated" soccer field, one intended solely to soccer. The favored site is the parcel of land owned by the school district and known as the Portola Middle School blackout adjacent to

the community center. Griffin said his group has raised about \$4,000 of the estimated \$100,000 it will cost to build the field.

Mayor Norma Jellison, always the realist, told the crowd, "We're listening to what you said tonight," but added the city has a full load of "financial challenges."

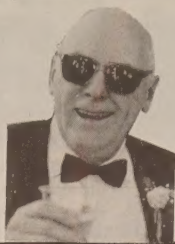
Councilmember Jane Bartke said she's "more than willing to make this happen." And councilmember Norman LaForce, who becomes mayor Dec. 1, said he supports having a soccer field here. And perhaps because he knew the audience wanted somebody to say it, LaForce said to loud applause, "I know that if we build it, you will come."

Professor authoring the 'ultimate handbook' of Albany area history

In the riot-wracked '60s when we moved to Albany it was known as a "nice little place where nothing ever happens."

Over the years I learned this wasn't true. But prior to my interview with Professor Warren F. Lee, I had no idea just how interesting our past really is.

Man About Town



■ Dave Greer

Dr. Lee is about to publish the first history centered on Albany by a professional scholar. Don't let your eyes glaze over now: I guarantee you this is fascinating reading and a must for anybody curious about events which have shaped and are shaping our city.

"Albany has a fantastic history — full of surprises," Dr. Lee said. Here are some of the surprises I encountered:

- When Jose Domingo Peralta dined on quail eggs by a stream in 1818 he named it "cordorniz," meaning quail creek. That creek is now known as Cordornices Creek and forms Albany's southern boundary.
- World War II Cordornices Village was one of the first, if not the first, racially integrated public housing facilities in the nation and has had immense influence on the development of this area.
- Explosives were manufactured on Albany Hill and blew up five times between 1880 and 1905 and eucalyptus trees were planted to muffle the blasts. Later, the government wanted to tear the hill down for fill, developers tried to level it, and both gas and water companies sought it for storage.
- There were once tennis courts and a nine-hole golf course in the middle of the Golden Gate Fields race track where the Pacific Turf Club offered free lessons in both sports. During WWII the Navy repaired and stored landing craft there using both grandstands and stables.

Dr. Lee planned his work to be "the ultimate handbook of the Albany area and neighborhood which will offer historians a starting point for their own research." Since it will run a minimum of 400 pages, this is a

pretty good start. The book covers everything from mass migrations to local politics and murders.

Aside from the text, there are many photographs, maps, drawings and even cartoons all designed to give the reader a more immediate sense of what past generations experienced and felt. There is also a remarkably detailed chronology of local events.

Dr. Lee was led to this project by a long-time interest in trains. This began when he worked in the yards of the Central Railroad of New Jersey in Pennsylvania while earning his BA at Lafayette College and Lehigh University in that state.

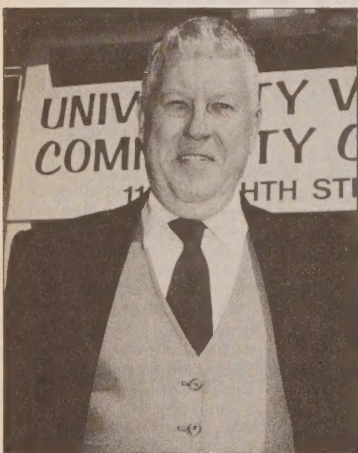
During World War II he served as an Army medic and saw action in Germany. After the war he returned to Lehigh and his railroad job. He later earned his Ph.D. in history and political science from the University of New Mexico.

Dr. Lee subsequently held various administrative and teaching positions in universities and colleges in the Southwest including a teaching post in New Mexico's prison system. He also worked for North American Aviation in Anaheim, but railroad history remained his deepest interest.

In 1987 he published "Down Along the Old Bell Dell," a history of the Belvidere Delaware Railroad and the communities it served along the Delaware River in New Jersey. He also published a source book for this and many articles about railroads.

It was interest in the World War II railroad running from Emeryville to Richmond that attracted Professor Lee to write

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A passion for trains was the catalyst for Professor Warren F. Lee's project writing a book on local history.
Photo: Dave Greer

Letters to the Editor

Replace AHS Little Theater

Editor:

I am concerned that a very important element of the planned high school campus has been pretty much overlooked to this point: a well designed, comfortable auditorium in the Albany School District.

Albany has lived for decades with the substandard Little Theater, enduring crowded performances, assemblies and concerts in the gymnasium, poor ventilation and uncomfortable seating. Can we possibly be building two brand new "state of the art" facilities without including what would be a design showcase and rallying point for community support of the new construction?

Currently, the options of a dual-purpose gymnasium and/or a large "multi-purpose room" (the existing Industrial Arts building) have been proposed. Neither product will accommodate the students' and community's need for a comfortable, conducive atmosphere for the growing Performing Arts Programs in our community or the ability to assemble the student body for presentations and discussions.

With the current construction dollars it may be possible to include a new high school auditorium if the existing Little Theater was cleverly converted to absorb some of the square footage of classroom or other requirements. I hope the architect considers this, even if there is additional cost.

Our community really needs to replace the Little Theater with a wonderful new auditorium — a place we could enjoy gathering for future events. Let's not miss the opportunity to do it.

The noticeable discontent and apathy surround the new facilities might just be replaced by excitement and pride if we could include something of such great benefit to the community after all of the pain of construction.

Peter Hobart
Albany

Value of learning area history

Editor:

I really enjoyed reading Mr. Carter's article about early Albany history as related to him by Mr. Golden. I certainly don't have the depth of an Albany residency that is Mr. Golden's but I appreciate and value hearing the stories from the residents who lived them. It is important that these memories be saved, particularly for our youth. Please thank Mr. Carter for his very interesting reporting. I look forward to another installment in the series from him soon.

Talbot Richardson
Albany

Editor's note: Installment No. 2 of Mr. Carter's series appears on page 4 of this issue.

Columnists have a lot to offer

Editor:

Just a note to thank Bill Mann for telling us what happened to

Michael Krasney (Oct. 16 Journal).

As a KGO listener ever since Owen Spann, which puts me in the 'tonnage' (old) group — I really missed him and was delighted to find him on KQED FM "Forum."

How about a plug for "New Dimensions" on KALW another great program hidden away on FM. Since the radio listings are so sparse — how's about telling us of other programs of depth? We're never too old to learn.

Also, three cheers to Martin Snapp for telling us about Jane Deer and how she's doing her part to help poor Bosnians in the U.S. and where to send donations. Love The Journal!

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on gender-specific cancers like ovarian and prostate cancer.

The two bill package marks a unique attempt by the Legislature to view cancer as a major public health issue deserving of general fund resources and a public private effort to find a cure.

Deborah Ortiz
Don Perata
State Assembly

Where are they when you need them?

Editor:

Heard on the radio that WalMart had given up in disgust its three-year effort to bring the modern world to St. Albans, Vermont when the Vermont Supreme Court upheld the city's denial of a land use permit. Gosh, where are Steve Cassidy, Anna Shimko and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher when we need them?

Robert R. Outis

Time to scrap failed ideas

Editor:

I find the current radio ads against school choice paid for by the American Federation of Teachers Union distasteful and dishonest. The ads, probably paid with coerced union dues, are a preemptive strike against parents who want to send their children to

Kensington Library buoyed by benefactors

Editor:

We want to thank the Business Sponsors of the Friends of the Kensington Library for four years of invaluable support for library programs. Not only did the Business Sponsors literally help us keep the doors open with contributions for extra service hours during severe funding cutbacks, they also helped us win a State Library Grant for our dedicated Internet workstation and, this last year, supported additional children's services as well.

Our Internet workstation has been so useful to patrons that we are working on getting Central Library approval to put another one in place soon. This year we will be using the Business Sponsors' contributions to help with that project.

Jane Taylor, President
Friends of the Kensington Library

Legislature's historic moves on cancer

Editor:

As the curtain fell on the 1997 Legislative Session, the Legislature passed a historic two-year, two-bill, \$27 million cancer research package. AB 1554 (Ortiz, Perata, Migden) and SB 273 (Burton, Watson, McPherson) were sent to the governor's desk for signature over the weekend.

The unprecedented legislation would allocate \$2 million for the first year after the bill is created. The funds would establish a cancer research program in the Department of Health Services. The following year, \$25 million would be allocated to fund public and private research of a variety of cancers, with special emphasis



Bike racks a win-win addition

Editor:

We wish to express our appreciation for Albany's successful implementation of the news rack program.

The area in front of Walker's Pie Shop is greatly improved, and we believe it makes it easier for people to find the newspapers they want to buy. We especially noticed also the new racks at the Post Office and the 900 block of San Pablo.

We know this program took a lot of staff time and that several meetings were held with the news distributors and interested community members. The Community Development Department can take pride in this accomplishment and, at least as far as we're concerned, a win-win outcome for all parties.

Doug and Dolly Walker's Pie Shop

Political Notes

Face in the crowd

If he holds to his promise, J. J. Diliberto will join the ranks of regulars at El Cerrito council meetings. Diliberto, who finished sixth in the Nov. 4 balloting, said he feels an obligation to the 758 people who voted for him and intends to track issues coming before the council.

Diliberto said he would consider another run for council in two years.

Janet Abelson, who finished fourth in voting, has said she plans to run again.

Damon speaking Monday

Councilmember-elect Larry Damon will speak on "Where Do I Go From Here," outlining what he plans to do as a councilmember at Monday's monthly luncheon meeting of the El Cerrito Chamber Of Commerce.

The session, open to members and guests at \$10 per person, is at noon at Little Angles Restaurant and Tavern, 6115 Potrero Ave. To make reserva-

tions call the Chamber at 233-7040 before close of business tomorrow.

Campaign reform

Frank Ury, of the California Foundation for Campaign Reform, will be the guest speaker when the Kensington-El Cerrito Congress of Republicans meets on Friday at Spenger's Restaurant, 1919 Fourth St. in Berkeley. Ury will discuss the Campaign Reform Initiative that will appear on the June 1998 ballot.

Provisions of the initiative include prohibiting contributions or expenditures by foreign entities, prohibiting employers from making unauthorized deductions from employees pay for political contributions and prohibit unions from using any portion of a member's dues for political purposes without the individual's authorization.

Dinner reservations can be made by calling 526-0940. Cost is \$16 per person. A social hour begins at 6:15 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m.

ECDC meeting

Lloyd Duxsbury, counsel to the

President of the National Committee to preserve Social Security and Medicare, is the featured speaker when the El Cerrito Democratic Club meets Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 545 Ashbury Ave.

Issues Duxsbury will address will include the greatest threat to senior citizens under active plans being considered to reform Social Security and Medicare, the possibility of allowing individuals to "opt out" of Social Security by establishing their own private sector retirement plans and whether Social Security and Medicare should be "means tested" to limit payments to those with greater income.

Time permitting, Duxsbury will answer audience questions. Details: 524-8142.

Silent majority?

So much for a mandate on the future course of direction of the city. According to the Council

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Cleveland Ave. area plans plod along

Greg Huguenin

ALBANY — Continuing what would end up a long, slow trek down road to redevelopment, the Albany Reinvestment Agency Monday adopted owner participation and a preliminary report for development of the Cleveland Avenue-Eastshore Highway area.

By unanimous, 5-0 vote, the agency, also known as the City Council, adopted the two documents, which detail the rules through which owners will be allowed, or required, to participate and many of the up to \$40 million in improvements planned for the area. Though the report contains words, such as "relocation" and "eminent domain," which could very well make property owners nervous, such actions, they occur at all, appear a long way off, as the Agency has no money in its redevelopment coffers at present.

"I don't think the city ever wants to do that," said City Administrator James Fields of the eminent domain powers the agency will wield. "I don't see the revenue there for a long time."

Also, said Fields, when a final development plan is adopted, it will contain language that prevents the agency from acting without first winning those whose property would be condemned to sit down at the planning table.

The plan is expected to come up

for consideration in January.

As is, the two documents help detail some of the massive, if gradual, changes in store for Albany's 107-acre industrial district, which is being redeveloped to bring additional sales and property tax revenue to the city.

Under redevelopment law, the agency is allowed to funnel any increase in property tax directly into the project area, with 20 percent going toward affordable housing city-wide.

The revenue will, however, be minimal at first, as California's Proposition 13 mandates that the assessed value of property increase by only 1 percent per year so long as ownership remains constant. While revenues might not reach the \$100,000 mark until the fourth year of the program, the preliminary report identifies \$4 million to \$7 million in "high priority" infrastructure improvements and requirements as high as \$40 million over the 45-year life of the plan.

Upgrading the area

In addition to redirected tax revenue, the agency could also use grants, city general funds and assessment districts to enact the improvements identified in the report. Among the proposed projects:

- Improved access to Cleveland Avenue and Eastshore Highway via Buchanan Street. Each is estimated to cost \$1.1 million, with an addi-

tional \$500,000 required for traffic signals.

- Streetscape improvements, including landscaping, tree planting and streetlights, estimated to cost at least \$500,000.

- Storm drain, creek and sewer improvements, estimated at \$4.5 million.

- Toxic site remediation, necessary because of long-time industrial uses in the area. Public expenditures could total as much as \$2 million.

- Land assembly, made necessary by the area's small, irregular parcels. Although costs could be recovered, acquisition could run as high as \$13 million.

- Parking facilities, which could cost from \$10,000-\$20,000 per space, or a total of \$6 million. Some, or all, of that revenue could be recovered through assessment districts or private developers.

In the report, all of the 37 acres not covered by highways or roads are listed as being characterized by

the physical and economic conditions that cause "blight," a requirement for redevelopment. The report lists long-standing vacancies, lack of sidewalks and adequate drainage, poor illumination, dilapidated buildings and crime as contributing to these conditions.

To improve the area, the report lists the above-mentioned projects, which city officials hope will in turn help draw new businesses to the area. For example, businesses that have been proposed for the currently vacant, 11-acre, Union Pacific-owned parcel across the railroad tracks from University Village include a furniture outlet, and entertainment center or an auto service mall.

One problem with that parcel, however, is that it currently has no access to Eastshore Highway. City officials have suggested in the past that, if eminent domain were to occur, properties fronting the Union Pacific parcel would be possible candidates.



Greg Huguenin

The 11-acre Union Pacific property is one spot the city thinks new could be attractive to new businesses.

Letting owners in process

As far as owner participation in the redevelopment process, the

agency also adopted rules regarding both participation and reentry

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Cameron School invites public to see how it meets students' special needs

EL CERRITO — Cameron School may not be known to many West Contra Costa Unified School District parents, but families that need its services know the important role it plays. Cameron's Early Intervention program serves infants and preschoolers in the district who have special needs ranging from early speech therapy to helping children with full-fledged disabilities.

Students and parents past and present, as well as the public at-large are invited to Cameron, located on Gladys Avenue, today for an open house and dedication ceremony where they can find out everything the school does.

"We're hoping a lot of parents are going to come, that a lot of children being served now and a lot of the people who have been served in the past will come," said Sharon Sanger, a program specialist at the school.

The school has been at its present site since April, when two schools elsewhere in the district were consolidated. But the present location is not new to helping kids with special needs. The school was built in 1953 to house children with physi-

cal handicaps, designed to be accessible to young people in wheelchairs or with excessive motor disabilities. That was a major plus when the two federally mandated programs were merged back at the site this year. Sanger said the staff hopes people who were at the school in its original incarnation visit today.

The site today has programs for infants and preschoolers staffed by speech therapists, a language development specialist, a teacher for the visually impaired, an occupational therapist for the severely handicapped, as well as instructional assistants. Unlike most school districts, which contract out such services, the WCCUSD operates its own program, a point of pride for the staff.

The program currently serves about 60 infants (0-3 years) and 250 preschoolers, some on-site, some at the child's daycare or Head Start program.

Most have speech or hearing difficulties, but there are also children

who were born with Down's Syndrome or are partially or completely disabled. Kids come in twice a week for 40-minute sessions (the district provides transportation when parents can't). Speech and language sessions are usually limited to three to five kids per class to provide maximum attention to each student.

Another emphasis is parent involvement, a key to getting the maximum benefit from the program and advancing enrollees' abilities. "We try to teach the teachers to be the parents' teachers," Sanger said.

Cameron School is located at 7140 Gladys Ave. in El Cerrito. Today's program begins with tours of the rooms and other facilities from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. A dedication ceremony will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., followed by entertainment from 5 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Dick Pryde remembers

By James Carter

Donald "Dick" Pryde, founder of Pastime Hardware in El Cerrito, was born in 1907 in a three-room wood house his father built on Bay View Avenue. Though some of his memories are growing faint now, in a recent interview Dick recalled how his mother used to heat the house and cook on a wood-burning stove.

In the dead of winter, especially when it was cold and rainy outside, Dick and his brother would take a hot lid off the stove, wrap it up in newspaper and slide it under the covers of their beds so they would stay warm through the night.

In those days, most of the homes in Albany and what would become El Cerrito didn't have bathrooms or running water. Dick can still remember his mother carrying buckets of water that she pumped from a well outside. That changed in 1912, when his father built an indoor bathroom and rigged up a spigot, though Dick can't remember exactly how his father did it.

El Cerrito was quite a different place in those days. It was a rural area where homes dotted open grassy fields. "Everyone had a cow or goats and chickens and rabbits back then," Dick recalled. "You didn't go to the store to buy chickens or eggs. It was too easy to raise them. And just about everyone had a vegetable garden. If you didn't, your neighbor did, and you'd share that or trade milk for vegetables."

As a kid, Dick and his brother hunted mallards and bluebills and canvasback ducks by the Bay. "In

■ Growing up in Albany and El Cerrito

fact, I built a blind not too far from here" (Pastime Hardware on San Pablo Avenue where our interview was conducted). "The tide would push the water up within 200 yards of where we sit right now back then." Dick recollected that "where Costco is now, there was a hill about 70 feet high. To make that land so it was about five times as big ... they leveled the whole hill into the Bay."

There used to be great fishing in the Bay when Dick was young. "We used to catch poggies, which is a perch, and striped bass. The whole area right up to the delta used to be a great bass area. Used to be a great clam area, too. Now you go to a restaurant and order clams you get little dinky ones. Back then," Dick said, "they used to be about three inches across ... you'd open them up and the meat was as big as your fingers and your thumb."

More than 40 years before the mudflats that ringed the East Bay were filled with sand and Highway 80 was built, the Pryde boys and their friends used to swim in the Bay, which was clean and clear. "At the end of Bay View Avenue, we dug a hole, and when the tide came in, it would fill up and we'd have a swimming pool," Dick recalled. "It was 60 feet across. We just built a little wall and that was it, down there by the train tracks."

Streetcars ran down the middle of San Pablo Avenue for many years, and commuters could ride

from 14th and Broadway in Oakland all the way to Richmond. For those wealthy enough to own an automobile, a paved lane ran parallel on each side of the tracks, bordered by a gutter of crushed rock excavated from a quarry where the El Cerrito Recycling Center is located now. Dick said that invariably someone would be changing a car tire in the gutter, "because tires weren't made too good in those days." A wooden walkway stood in front of what is now Mechanics Bank, built several feet above street level since that area flooded during the rainy season.

Dick began Stege Grammar School in 1912. In those days, grammar school began at first grade (there was no kindergarten) and went through the eighth grade. Dick went on to Richmond High, which was located at 23rd and McDonald, where Longfellow School now stands.

Following in his father's footsteps, Dick went to work at The Pullman Car Company, which in the East Bay built and repaired "sleeping cars" for railroads — specially designed luxury cars where people could sleep when taking long trips. "When I started (at Pullman) at 17 years old, I got 32 cents an hour," Dick said. "But of course that was a different type of money, you know." Every summer, "I'd get layed off because all the cars were out on the road, used by people on vacation." So Dick and his brother Norman decided to go into business, starting a sporting goods store at the exact location

where William Rust first set up a blacksmith shop in 1889 [the very same spot where Pastime Hardware is located today].

In 1934, Dick married Harriet Wright, a pretty and smart young woman he met in high school. Harriet's father was Forest Wright, who at various times in his career was a constable, dog catcher, tax collector and city treasurer. They had two sons — Richy, who continues to work at the hardware store, and Robert, who is retired and lives in Oregon.

During World War II, the population in the East Bay boomed. "Kaiser opened up a shipyard, you know," Dick explained. "They recruited people from Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas." Being in his mid-30s when the war began, Dick was a bit too old to serve in the infantry. Nevertheless, he was recruited by the government for the war effort. "If you were really young, you were gonna get into the service, you couldn't escape it, but if you were a little older like I was, you didn't have to go. But I had to go to the shipyards. I worked at nights here in the business and days there. Eventually I worked nights in the shipyards and I could put four or five hours a day into the business."

The draft board used to meet up above what is now Pastime Hardware. "We rented the upstairs to them. They had certain amount of businessmen — adults — who didn't have to go to war because they were 50 years old.



The Pryde family was on hand earlier this year when the El Cerrito Historical Society dedicated a plaque designating Pastime Hardware as the site where Wilhelm Rust established the city 80 years ago.

The federal government would use them because they were familiar with the people in the area. You'd have to go up and register for the war. They'd want to know what you'd done all your life — if you was a mechanic before, they knew they could use you in the shipyards."

Dick recalled gazing across the Bay and watching as workers built the Golden Gate Bridge. He also remembers visiting the site where they began construction of the Oakland-San Francisco Bay Bridge. Visitors marveled as officials showed them segments of the type of cable that would support the western section of the span — a technical innovation that made a big impression on those who viewed it. But before the bridges were constructed, Dick said there was another way to travel by car to San Francisco:

It was called the Berkeley Ferry. "Yes, that was one of the greatest things of all before the Bay Bridge was built," Dick said. "People would drive down University Avenue to the Marina (and onto) the pier that ran halfway across the Bay ... they would drive their cars to the end of the pier, down a ramp onto the ferry boat. "It didn't take long to get to San Francisco from there," Dick said with a grin. "And the ferry came in there every 20 minutes."

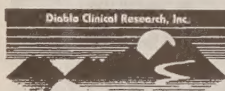
Looking back over his 90 years in this world, Dick talked about how much things have changed since he was a kid. He remembered how, back then, he and his brother didn't get much. They didn't even have a bike. A trip to El Sobrante Creek where steelhead salmon used to

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into the project area, a plan which was also presented to property owners last week. For example, if owners wish to develop their property in the future, they may be required, at the agency's discretion, to enter into an owner participation agreement through which the standards of the plan would be imposed.

The agreements would obligate the owners and their successors to devote their property to uses specified in the plan. If the owner, or tenant, does not comply with the agreement, the agency may acquire the property through eminent domain. The use of eminent domain will be prohibited on Cleveland Avenue, but not Eastshore Highway.

Also, the rules state that displaced businesses will be given a "reasonable preference" to relocate within the project area, provided the development is consistent with the plan. However, "Given the small size of the project area it may not be feasible for all businesses to find entry space within the project area," the report says.

Though city officials have vowed to avoid such drastic measures, the plans have made some property owners nervous. Property owner Greg Brazil attended both last week's meeting and the one held Monday. He said after the meeting that he himself hoped not to be relocated in

the name of redevelopment.

"I'm very happy with my personal piece of the world down there," said Brazil, who operates a business out of one portion of his property and leases the other. Brazil said he has received assurances from city officials that eminent domain would be used only as a last resort if an owner refused to negotiate, a position reiterated by Fields.

Brazil also said city officials have kept him well-apprised of the redevelopment process, adding that they have been "more up front" than those from other cities might be.

As for agency members themselves, discussion of the two items was brief.

Agency member Bruce Mast said he is glad redevelopment is moving along and understands that property owners might be apprehensive, saying, "It seems like this could be very benign or very onerous."

Community Development Director Bill Ekern said it is hard, at present, to know the scope of redevelopment. "It's hard to be specific because we don't know what the specific projects would be," he said.

For the time being the city will simply collect its property tax increment and wait, Fields said after the meeting. Though revenues will be minimal at first, sale of, for example, the Union Pacific parcel would bring a significant increase that could in turn help kick the plan into gear.

I-80 project claims trees at city's entryway

By Greg Huginin

ALBANY — Giving their lives in the name of progress, trees along the eastbound Buchanan Street freeway exit were removed over the last few weeks to make room for the second phase of Caltrans' Interstate 80/580 interchange reconstruction.

The removal, done during the fall to protect migratory birds that might roost in them during spring, is just part of the second phase of the I-80 widening project.

The project will be completed in the year 2000, and will include high occupancy vehicle (HOV) access to the Bay Bridge, access to the San Rafael Bridge on the right, as opposed to the left, and a good deal of construction noise for those who live in West Albany.

According to Reza Sirafinejad of the Caltrans Public Information Center, the tree removal was done to make room for the new freeway, on which construction has already begun.

It was necessary, said Sirafinejad, because the freeway itself will run over part of the site.

Already, piles have been sunk in anticipation of the new structure.

"Once everything is done, we will be replanting throughout the corridor," said Sirafinejad of other trees and landscaping which have been removed as part of the massive I-80 project (the Albany trees will not be replaced).

Also, the exit for eastbound I-80 travelers to I-580 and the San Rafael Bridge will be on the right, as opposed to the left. The eastbound



Piles have already been driven where the trees once stood at the Buchanan Street exit.

portion of I-80 will also rest closer to westbound lanes.

To accelerate construction, the contractor that won the bid will receive \$10,000 for each day it finishes ahead of schedule, although the amount cannot exceed \$1 million.

"That could actively speed things up, hopefully," said Sirafinejad, who says crews will work six days a week to get the project done as

soon as possible.

Piledriving, a deafening process in which massive steel columns are hammered into the ground by equally massive construction equipment, will occur during the day on weekdays and Saturdays, as early as 7 a.m.

Also, many westbound projects are expected to be completed in December.

One future benefit for those who

travel to San Francisco and the Peninsula will be the new "flyover" HOV access to the Bay Bridge, which Sirafinejad said could save carpoolers between 30 and 35 minutes during rush hour. "That's going to be the good news for commuters," Sirafinejad said. The flyover will be limited to multi-passenger vehicles between 5 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Attorney seeks dismissal of child abuse charge in girl's death

Bay City News Service

RICHMOND — The attorney for the mother of a 680-pound girl who died at home last year said last week he would ask a judge to throw out felony child abuse charge against the El Cerrito woman at a hearing.

Michael Cardoza, the attorney for Marlene Corrigan, claims Bay Municipal Court Judge Laurel

Lindenbaum improperly considered 13-year-old Christina Corrigan's immense weight as a factor when she decided in September to bind the mother over for trial on the criminal charge.

"She said, 'She didn't just grow to 680 pounds overnight,'" Cardoza contends.

The San Francisco defense attorney said Contra Costa County prosecutors themselves have insisted they did not charge Corrigan because her daughter was overweight.

Corrigan, 48, is accused of endangering her child's life by failing to properly care for Christina when the girl became so large that she refused to leave the house. When the teenager died of apparent heart failure Nov. 19, 1996, she was lying unclothed on a sheet on the living room floor of her mother's apartment, according to police.

Corrigan has entered a not guilty plea to the child abuse charge, which carries a maximum six-year prison term. Her trial is set for Dec. 8.

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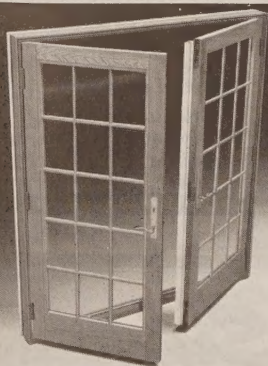
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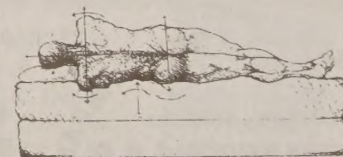
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Albany PTA Council News

• Parent/teacher conferences will continue through Nov. 26 at the elementary schools and middle school. Minimum day schedules will apply during conference days.

• There is no school on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29 due to Thanksgiving Holiday.

PTA meetings

• AMS meets Thursday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. in the AMS Library. After the half hour business meeting, the topic will be information for 8th grade parents and students moving up to AHS.

• Cornell meets Thursday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in Cornell multi-use room.

School Board meeting

• Albany Board of Education meets Tuesday, Nov. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Cornell multi-use room.

Special interest meeting

• Cornell Site Council meets Monday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. in Cornell staff room.

Events/fund-raisers

• AMS announces a fund-raiser with Cody's Books. Save your receipts from purchases made on Sat & Sun, Nov. 22 & 23 and give them to the AMS PTA. Cody's Books

"Breaking Barriers..." Alliance for Public Education forum this Saturday

All concerned members of the public are invited to the next Alliance for Public Education forum this Saturday at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School's Multipurpose Room, 629 42nd St., Richmond. The event is from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"Breaking Barriers to Educational Achievement" is the focus of the forum. Student panelists representing RACE (Regional Alliance for Community Empowerment) and high school leadership classes will open the discussion. New models for responding to these challenges and what adults can do will be explored via a variety of local efforts. This segment will feature a representative from Pinole's Redevelopment Agency, the Peres Elementary School Healthy Start Project, and the North Campus High School Program.

The Alliance for Public Education is a growing coalition of parent organizations, community groups, teachers, and district employees working together to build support for improvements to public education in West County.

The next Alliance organizing meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 8 at 4 at the YMCA Coronado Community Center, 263 S. 20th St. in Richmond.

Adams Site Council meets on overcrowding

On Thursday, Nov. 13, the Adams Middle School site council, chaired by Naomi Young, held an open meeting to discuss issues of overcrowding affecting the campus.

District Deputy Superintendent Anna Blackman attended the meeting and, after providing some historical background to the current situation, described three immediate steps the district would be taking: handling enrollment and transfers to the school from the central office, moving up to 35 students to Portola, and hiring additional site supervision.

Discussion at the meeting ranged over a wide variety of issues impacting the school and the need to drastically reduce the number of students many of whom must now travel long distances using AC Transit buses to reach

the school. Parents urged the district to act now to both reduce overcrowding and to work with AC transit noting, as one commented, "right now AC transit dictates the school schedule."

Parents also voiced concerns about classes not having regular full-time teachers and operating with substitutes as well as the impact of overcrowding on the lunch period when students are not able to purchase and eat their lunch.

Another problem cited, emanating out of the school boundary changes, is that some students previously eligible for transportation assistance under the Voluntary Integration Program are not eligible any longer because of a technicality in the law. Parent Connie Chan Kucera suggested moving Grant, Nystrom, and King schools out of the Adams boundaries and letting parents choose which of the district's middle schools best met their needs. She said her proposal could have the additional advantage of re-establishing eligibility for transportation assistance for some students.

At this writing, the WCCUSD board is scheduled to vote at its regular meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 19 on a resolution to put a bond measure on the ballot to



West County School Watch

By Glen Price

build a new middle school at the former Harry Ellis site on MacDonald Avenue in Richmond. The new middle school is sought to reduce overcrowding conditions at middle schools throughout the district and locate a middle school in closer proximity to Richmond middle school students.

The Adams Middle School Site Council will hold its next meeting on Monday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m.

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The Journal

El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinternick

Damon to speak at Chamber luncheon

Councilmember-elect Larry Damon will be guest speaker at Monday's monthly luncheon of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

The session, open to members and guests at \$10 per person, is at Little Angels Restaurant Tavern, 6115 Potrero Avenue.

Damon, an associate member of the Chamber, was elected to a second term in the El Cerrito City Council early this month along with incumbents Gina Brusatori and Mark Friedman. In Monday's session, he will outline what he will do as a councilmember.

Damon is also wishing to hear from the community and make reservations to do so before the Chamber at 10:40 before close of business tomorrow.

Meanwhile, in its monthly newsletter issued last week the Chamber of Commerce announced all three winners of Nov. 4 election.

Doing so, the newsletter expressed a deep interest in the problems of the business community, and all three pledged to help the business community in the Council's decision-making process.

The article went on to declare that the Chamber looks forward to working closely with the new council in the years ahead to improve the quality of life for everyone in this community.

Become new member
The Chamber is pleased to

welcome Mark A. Berbow, independent marketing representative for Watkins Products, as its newest member.

Berbow, of 5515 Central Ave. in Richmond, offers local residents a full line of Watkins food, personal care, home care and health and nutrition products.

Drive for department store launched

An effort to get Dillard Department Stores to come to El Cerrito was launched last week by the Chamber of Commerce.

In a letter sent to William Dillard II, president of the department store chain, the Executive Committee of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce declared this community "would be an ideal place for your company to consider as a store location."

"Unusual conditions exist that make El Cerrito a perfect spot to open said Chamber Manager Sewall Glinternick.

The Chamber executives went on to point-out that the only local competition Dillard's would face the Target Store — which should hardly be of much concern for Dillard's level of store operation.

"While there are other major department stores close by (i.e. J. C. Penney, Macy's, Sears and Montgomery Ward)," the Chamber letter declared, "they are perceived to be located in a high crime area. Thus they attract few customers from El Cerrito and the neighboring middle class and upper class communities of

Albany and Kensington. People from these areas shop at these stores out of desperation rather than desire.

"Thanks to El Cerrito's central location and easy access via a local freeway, it would be easy for a Dillard Store in El Cerrito to build a loyal customer base from the cities of El Cerrito, Albany, Kensington, Berkeley hills and other mid-range communities of West Contra Costa who presently feel they are being under served."

The Chamber letter went on to say that since Federated bought the Emporium chain and closed its store here, the people of this community and neighboring cities have made it clear they want another department store.

The Chamber letter added that the 32-acre El Cerrito Plaza was starting a revitalization program aimed at upgrading the present building structures, building new stores and attracting a more synergistic mix of retail tenants.

"I am certain," Glinternick wrote Dillard, "that the owners of the Plaza would be anxious to talk with you with in regard to building a space for your store."

The Chamber wrote that there was an additional consideration that enhances the desirability of locating a Dillard's at the Plaza.

"Presently," the letter said, "local customers of mid-level merchandise do most of their shopping in San Francisco. As traffic congestion continues to increase, people will have a stronger incentive to shop closer to home. Traffic demographics

are going to have a growing influence on buying patterns."

The Chamber pointed out that, in locating here, Dillard's would be getting: Several solid, middle class communities just crying for a good mid-level department store; a shopping center with exciting revitalization plans and plenty of parking; a rapid transit station and easy freeway access nearby; a landlord that would be able to accommodate Dillard's specifications; and a city where everyone from top to bottom wants to see such a store succeed.

"It is a retailer's dream come true," the Chamber told the department store executive.

Art contest winners

Nine talented local youngsters have been named winners in the 1997 Halloween Art Contest sponsored by the El Cerrito Plaza Merchants, many of whom are members of the Chamber of Commerce.

Winners, who were presented with Plaza Money good for merchandise at participating stores, included:

• 4-5 Years Old — Rebecca Aptaker, first prize; Emma Jackson, second prize; Adam Allen Zittel, third prize; and Yuta Wakabayashi, honorable mention.

• 6-7 Years Old — Spencer Swanson, first prize; Ema Kubo Thomas, second prize; Kathryn Jacobsen-Mayer, third prize; and Alexandra Marques-Shaw, honorable mention.

8-9 Years Old — Amalia Nelson-Croner, first prize; Ariel



A number of winners of the El Cerrito Plaza Merchants' 1997 Halloween Art Contest pose proudly after learning of their victory.

Roxanne Phylly-Lay, second prize; Melinda Szell, third prize; and David Aptaker, honorable mention.

A total of 124 young artists entered his year's competition.

'Giving Tree' Program set

Once again this coming holiday season residents of two area nursing homes, will benefit from a pair "Giving Christmas Trees" being sponsored by LITA (love is the answer) of Contra Costa, an associate member of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

The trees will be located at Mechanics Bank branches at 250 El Cerrito Plaza and at 3884 San

Pablo Dam Road in El Sobrante.

Those wishing to participate in this project are asked to select a name from one of the trees and bring a \$5 gift back to the bank. At Christmas time LITA will see that the gifts are delivered to the long-term care facility residents whose names were selected.

Casino Night sponsors sought

Local businesses are being asked to help sponsor the Friends of El Cerrito High School's Fifth Annual "Casino Night" scheduled for next March.

In the past, El Cerrito firms

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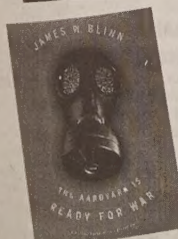
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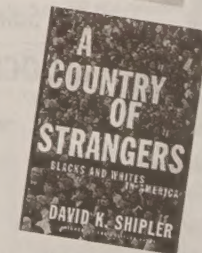
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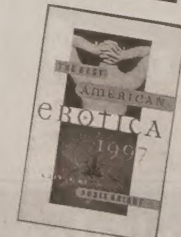
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Clerk, fewer than 5,800 El Cerrito voters cast ballots in the Nov. 4 election.

For the prestige

Lest you think there's a big financial incentive involved in running for City Council, let it be known that El Cerrito compensates its representatives \$100 per meeting for up to five meetings a month. Council members are also reimbursed for expenses they incur conducting city business.

Still, it's better than the pittance council members in Albany receive.

Tracking Congress

A nonpartisan organization

called Project Vote Smart has developed a handy guidebook for voters to track the performances of their congressional representatives.

The U.S. Government's *Owner's Manual*, provides the electorate with a snapshot of representatives' records while in office, and comparisons to other members of Congress. In the wake of this month's election, Project Vote Smart Publications Director Heather Holdridge said the concept of an owner's manual is a new approach in democratic accountability.

"While we have owner's manuals for even simple, everyday tools, when it comes to one of the most complicated systems in the world, we are given little or no guidance in its operation," Holdridge said.

Project Smart Vote was founded by a broad group of prominent individuals representing a cross-section of political and social viewpoints including Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich, Rep. Ron Dellums, former U.S. senators Barry Goldwater, George McGovern and Bill Bradley, and former Presidential candidate Michael Dukakis.

Holdridge said the information available in the manual is extensive, but is just a fraction of the data available on 12,000 candidates and elected officials through the group's hotline or Internet website.

The manual is distributed free throughout California. Copies may be requested by calling (800) 622-SMART, and the website may be visited at www.vote-smart.org.

East Bay pushes to keep Transbay Terminal

Bay City News

Members of the Bay Bridge Task Force toured the Transbay Terminal last week and once again considered arguments for and against the relocation of the 60-year-old bus terminal.

Meeting at the PG&E Building in San Francisco, the task force listened as the majority of public speakers voiced overwhelming opposition to the \$138 million proposal to move the terminal several blocks from First and Mission streets to the corner of Main and Beale streets where it could begin operating as soon as fall 2002.

At last month's meeting, task force members Oakland Mayor Elihu Harris and Contra Costa County supervisor Mark DeSaulnier both voiced opposition to any move of the terminal. The mayors of Berkeley, El Cerrito and Alameda were also opposed to the proposal.

Task force members declined comment on the proposal, opting instead for further evaluation of all

arguments.

MTC spokeswoman Anne Flemer said several aspects of the proposed move still need to be studied, including the impact of a Caltrans proposal to tear down an eastern Bay Bridge off-ramp, viable options for bus storage, future bus transportation needs and an assurance of how proceeds from the land sale would be used.

Several public speakers denounced the proposal as nothing more than a land speculation deal designed to make available coveted commercial real estate. San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown and the city Redevelopment Agency are both spearheading the relocation proposal.

By far the most exciting moment of the meeting was a surprise visit by "Transit Man," a caped crusader, wearing tights and a mask, who paraded about the auditorium spraying confetti on task force members and audience members.

Alex Zuckerman, spokesman for the newly formed Bay Bridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, said the group is continuing to work with Caltrans to evaluate a 12-foot-wide, two-way bicycle and pedestrian path on the south side of both spans of the Bay Bridge.

A plan is under consideration to construct contrasting paths for each one designated by color and specific use. The committee is considering the use of bridge out towers, or belvedere, to see bicycle and pedestrian paths.

The relocation of the terminal hinges financially on the approval of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission to designate an area of an estimated \$80 million in revenue derived from bridge toll increases.

The task force committee will convene again on Dec. 10, to discuss whether to fund relocation expected in the spring of 1998.

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his new book. The 12.1 miles of line was built to transport shipyard workers from their "temporary" housing in Cordornices Village to the Richmond ship yards.

The trains carried 11,000 workers in the 1880s and 1890s circa coaches acquired from New York City and were hated by their passengers. Although 90 to 95 trains ran through the center of the village daily without any safeguards, there were no reported accidents.

Surprisingly, too, the main purpose of the railroad was to preserve scarce supplies of gas and rubber which would have been consumed by transportation in cars and busses.

Dr. Lee gives detailed coverage to the war era in the village, the post-war period

ending in 1956 when veterans were housed there, and the UC student housing which followed. This currently consists of 920 units of circa WWII housing scheduled for renovation over the next six years.

Expanding his view along the rail line as he did in his earlier book, Dr. Lee writes of events in Albany and north into Richmond. This book will be titled "A Selective History of the Cordornices University Village, the City of Albany and Environs With Special Attention to the Richmond Ship yard Railroad, Albany Hill and Shore Line."

The professor has lived in University Village for about five years with his two grandchildren, Eric 13, and Alexander, seven. He is an associate scholar at UC and teaches history courses — including one on China — at

Chapman University in Concord. For five years ending last year Dr. Lee taught adult education history classes at the Albany Senior Center.

His new book will appear in hardcover and is being co-authored by his wife, Catherine, who is currently in Albuquerque, New Mexico, supervising publication by Belvidere Delaware Railroad Corp. Industries.

Dr. Lee plans to place an advertisement in this newspaper soon for prepublication subscriptions for the book, which will be out in four to six months. He says he is trying to hold the cost of the tome to under \$25 which would about cover his costs.

If you know a better deal on a book than that, please contact me immediately.

Obituary

Mike Boyovich dies

Mirash "Mike" Boyovich, a longtime resident of Albany, died suddenly at home Oct. 18.

A native of Montenegro, Yugoslavia, Mr. Boyovich came to America in 1944. The 35-year Albany resident was a well-known glassblower in the area, owning Glass & Electronics Inc. before retiring.

He was known as a proud Albany resident and an avid supporter of local schools and the community, and a friend to many.

Dentist earns national accreditation

EL CERRITO — Michael J. Doucet, D.D.S., has been awarded the certificate of accreditation by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care Inc.

The award means that Dr. Doucet has met nationally recognized standards for quality health care set by the Chicago-based accrediting organization. In order to achieve accreditation Dr. Doucet's practice underwent an extensive on-site survey of its facility and services. The survey team, composed of physicians and health care administrators, evaluated all aspects of patient care.

Not all ambulatory health care organizations seek accreditation, and not all who undergo an on-site survey receive favorable decisions. At this time there are only about ten Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery practices in the United States that have been accredited. In a letter to Dr. Doucet, the AAACHP President said, "The dedication and effort necessary to achieve accreditation is substantial. Dr. Doucet and his staff are to be commended for this accomplishment."

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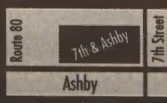
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Parenting, family issues on the menu at WCCUSD TV 'diner'

Family Time Diner" is a locally produced television series that tackles issues of parenting and family relationships.

The show is geared to meet the education needs of parents in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Doug Spangler, a parent education specialist for the district, co-produces the show with Peggy Stein, a bilingual teacher at Lower Elementary.

"We've tried to choose what we want to be topics essential to good parenting, things that if they didn't know about, they're parenting that wouldn't be as effective," said Spangler.

Sponsored by the West Contra Costa Unified School District, the show is produced in the studios of Contra Costa Television in Martinez. The station is a government-owned channel owned by the county.

"It's fun to think about and plan together. When it comes to parenting, that's the most fun," said Spangler.

The show is a sort of mini drama. The set for the show is a diner - allows guests to come in with minimum disruption. "Family Time Diner" dramatizes parenting issues and uses a cast of professional actors as well as experts.

In Verdugo, the show's director and production manager at WCCUSD, said the show's format makes it a challenge to produce. It is not a talk show situation or panel discussion. The presenters, Spangler and Stein, move around the set and interact with guests.

For a cable access production,

it's very high quality. From the opening graphics, to the set, to the script, everything about the show is meticulously planned. The set is assembled for each episode. Because all the camera shots are decided in advance, the director needs to arrange where presenters and guests will sit, stand and move throughout the show.

Spangler says they've managed to "cut down on the talking heads factor." The creation of a larger, more visually interesting set, the use of actors playing roles makes the show not only educational but entertaining as well.

The show works, according to Verdugo, because of the energy and talents that Spangler and Stein brought from their radio shows to Contra Costa television and the unique approach they use to get their message across.

Rather than simply telling people what not to do, the show provides examples of positive behavior and solutions to real problems said Verdugo. The show is "trying to use role-modeling rather than discussion to get a point across," he said.

Spangler and Stein began taping the show in June of 1996. Since parents cannot always attend seminars and workshops on parent education, the initial aim of the show was to provide parent education material that parents could simply check out of school libraries and then view at their convenience.

The station's executive director, Pat Burke, encouraged Spangler and Stein to put the show on cable so that it could be seen countywide.

"Family Time Diner" is broad-

cast on TCI Cablevision Channel 18 in Richmond. It runs at 8 p.m. on Fridays, and again the next day at 10:30 a.m.

"It's just sort of gravy that Contra Costa television is running (the shows) at what turns out to be a very good time," said Spangler.

"We've got about 10 to 12 episodes that we've produced over the last year," he said. They have four more episodes in the works for this fall.

They are also making copies of the show for school libraries. Added to that will be selected shows from Spangler's slightly longer running radio show. The programs are intended to supplement rather than replace existing parent education efforts, Spangler said.

In the past topics have included: temperament, discipline, sex education, personal safety for children, understanding your child's learning style, helping children respect differences - cultural diversity, language development and sibling relationships.

Spangler has 17 years experience in adult education. Peggy Stein brings to the show a background in broadcasting, over 11 years as a classroom teacher as well as considerable experience teaching adults.

Spangler also hosts "Father Time" a weekly radio program, perhaps the only show of its kind in the United States. The show is broadcast from KECG (88.1 FM), West Contra Costa Unified School District's radio station at El Cerrito High School. His radio show Father Time - runs on Satur-



Doug Spangler and Peggy Stein in the studio at El Cerrito High School radio station KECG 88.1 FM.

day from 11 a.m. to noon.

Spangler's "Frankly for Fathers" column appeared in American Baby magazine from 1977 to 1985. In 1994 he published "Fatherhood: An Owner's Manual."

In 1995 he became head instructor for the West Contra Costa school district's parent education services certificate program. Stein often uses her radio show, Parent Talk Radio, to determine

who would make a good guest for the TV program, saying, "we've had the most success with experts we've tried out on radio first."

Parent Talk Radio, airs on Saturdays from noon to 1 p.m.

New name for First Unitarian Church

This past summer the name of the First Unitarian Church of Berkeley changed in accordance with a by-laws vote by the members of the congregation. The church will now be known as the Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley.

With the name change, the church recognizes and embraces the merging of the Unitarian and Universalist denominations in 1961. The Unitarians and the Universalists were two separate liberal Christian denominations

that could both trace their histories to before the Reformation in Europe. In this country Unitarians stood for reason, freedom and tolerance. The Universalists spoke of God's love as universal and the belief that individuals inevitably move toward the good. Beliefs led to actions and Universalists were strong leaders in women's suffrage, anti-slavery, anti-war movement, economic and racial justice. Prior to the merger, the two associations shared religious education projects and social action. Theologically,

Unitarian Universalists embrace truths found in the world religions, in science and nature, in personal experience, literature and prophetic works and deeds of many men and women.

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■ Police Reports

Quick response results in arrest

By K. Osborne

ALBANY — At about 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 9 Albany officers responded to an alarm at a business on the 1000 block of Eastshore Highway. They observed a car parked at the rear of the business and contacted a 39-year-old Oakland man who was leaving the building area through a newly cut hole in the fence. He was arrested for burglary, trespassing, prowling and loitering, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On the night of Nov. 9 a resident on the 1100 block of Neilson Street reported that someone put ketchup all over the left front door of her '87 Hyundai.

On Nov. 10 Richmond police reported locating an '84 Toyota Celica which had been reported stolen from Albany on Oct. 14. The car was drivable with only the radio missing. The owner was notified.

On Nov. 12 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night vandals broke into his green '88 Range Rover. There were no witnesses.

Just before noon on Nov. 12 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that within the past 45 minutes, someone had broken into his apartment. There were no witnesses.

At about 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 12 a resident on the 800 block of Sol-

ano Avenue reported that at about 5 p.m. she observed a man on a bicycle in the garage area of her apartment complex. She later discovered that the doors of her unlocked car were open and that a bag was missing. Police took the report.

On the night of Nov. 12 a resident on the 1000 block of Neilson Street reported finding muddy fingerprints on an open bedroom window and said items had been moved around and some were missing. There were no witnesses.

At about 12:40 a.m. on Nov. 13 officers investigated a blue '86 Plymouth parked at Cleveland and Washington avenues with a person in the front seat. A check of the person found a 40-year-old Berkeley man with an outstanding Albany warrant for drunk driving. He was arrested, cited and transported to the Berkeley jail.

On the afternoon of Nov. 13 an Albany woman reported that her 17-year-old son had been assaulted by a 16-year-old Albany boy, at about noon, while in a classroom at Albany High School. She was calling from the hospital where her son was being evaluated for a head wound. Police are investigating.

On the afternoon of Nov. 14 a resident on the 700 block of Pierce Street reported that a red sports car was parked in front of her house and she believed it might be stolen. A check revealed the car was indeed reported stolen out of Oakland the

day before. Oakland police were notified.

On the evening of Nov. 14 an El Cerrito man reported that while he was dining at a restaurant on the 1400 block of Solano Avenue his red '87 Nissan Pathfinder, which was parked on the 800 block of Carmel, was stolen.

During the week of Nov. 9 officers fingerprinted on person at their request, responded to 21 false alarms, attended to nine lost or deceased animals, assisted five people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to five reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers intervened in five domestic disputes, 12 civil disturbances and 16 civil assists. Firefighter/paramedics responded to three fire calls and 19 medical emergencies.

EC hotline for abandoned vehicles

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Victim flees; carjackers drive off

EL CERRITO — A carjacking on Nov. 10 at 6:15 p.m. was reported from a parking lot at 11382 San Pablo. The victim said two African American males approached his rented car and that one produced a handgun and demanded that he get out of the vehicle. The victim fled as the two suspects drove off. One suspect is described as wearing a black beanie cap, black pants, a black jacket and carrying a large black semiautomatic.

Arrests for driving under the influence were made Nov. 8 (a Richmond man at Potrero and South 53rd at 5:01 p.m.) and Nov. 9 (a San Rafael man at San Pablo and Central at 1 a.m.).

Nine domestic/civil disputes were reported.

The wing window on a '86 Honda Accord parked at Sonoma Street and Barret Avenue was broken Nov. 12, giving a thief access to a cell phone, cash and a garage door opener.

A green bottle was thrown through the window of a residence in the 1500 block of Liberty around 10 p.m. on Nov. 11, doing an estimated \$500 in damage.

At 10 p.m. on Nov. 12 an Oakland man reported a dispute he had with another man in the Target parking lot.

The window of an '89 Oldsmobile parked at the Community Center sustained \$250 in damage from a thrown object, believed to have come from the Portola Middle School playground between noon and 2:30 p.m.

A wallet found on the sidewalk of the 7100 block of Schmidt was turned in to police, who contacted the owner.

Burglars were unsuccessful in an attempted burglary of an '88 Toyota Tercel Nov. 9 between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., but left behind \$100 in damage.

On Nov. 11 a female juvenile was detained at the Lucky Food Center on suspicion of having concealed merchandise under her coat that turned out to be a Bible.

Between Nov. 8 and 9 a thief gained access to a '94 Toyota Co-

rolla parked in the 7600 block of Terrace through an open window and made off with a VCR from the trunk and a car vacuum under the seat. In the process, the ignition was damaged and the car stereo was partially fried. Total damage: \$1,500.

On Nov. 12 around 3 p.m. an El Sobrante woman reported that a suspect shot a pellet gun at the window of her pickup truck on San Pablo, causing \$100 in damage.

On Nov. 12 at 3:30 p.m. a Pinole man sleeping on a bench at San Pablo and Blake was arrested for being intoxicated in public.

On Nov. 4 at 4:35 p.m. police attempted to stop a man riding a bike on the BART path. He abandoned the bike and fled, but was apprehended and arrested for possession of stolen property.

A 1995 Suzuki motorcycle was reported stolen Nov. 10 from the 10900 block of San Pablo.

On Nov. 7 between 2:15 p.m. and 2:20 p.m. a two-way radio was stolen from a '73 Ford pickup parked in the lot of a restaurant at 6021 Central.

Between Nov. 4 and Nov. 6 the bedroom window of a residence in the 1600 block of Elm was shattered giving a burglar entry to ransack to place and steal undisclosed property. Damage to the window: \$200.

On Nov. 10 at 4:35 a.m. an officer found an unsecured bike on the BART path between Mooser and Waldo. There was no record of it being stolen so it was taken to the police property room. That same night an abandoned bike was found against the fence at Portola Middle School and taken to the property room. Another bike was reported abandoned at Huber Park Nov. 8 and taken to the property room.

A city-owned '90 Ford pickup parked at the Community Center sustained \$350 in damage between Nov. 8 and Nov. 12 when its drivers side and rear windows were shattered by a BB gun.

On Nov. 8 at 5:40 p.m. a purse was taken from the cart of a Concord woman shopping at Target.

The lost contents was \$544.

An attempted apartment burglary, exact date and time not reported in the 600 block of Kearney Nov. 9. There was no damage and only minor damage to a door.

The theft of cans in a recycling bucket was reported in the 300 block of Behrens Nov. 9.

Two suspects ran out of the 'n Pac Liquors with stolen merchandise on Nov. 10 at 7:15 p.m.

On Nov. 11 a Terrace resident and a Eureka resident both reported that the contents of their purses were stolen while shopping at the Plaza Lady.

On Nov. 11 a Key resident reported receiving months of harassing phone calls.

A tool box and its contents were stolen from a '73 Ford in a parking lot at 10057 Santa. Estimated loss: \$250.

Sometime between Nov. 8 and 11 the rear window of a Mazda GLC was broken. Damage: \$300.

On Nov. 11 thieves unsuccessfully attempted to steal a Cadillac parked in the 1900 block of Key after breaking a window get in. They left behind \$100 in damage to the steering column.

An El Cerrito juvenile arrested Nov. 11 for attempting to leave Target with concealed merchandise.

An El Cerrito woman rested for battery at a bus station in the 10600 block of San Pablo Nov. 11 reportedly hitting one woman threatening to hit another woman.

A thief punched the door of a '98 Saturn parked in the block of Belmont on Nov. 11 between 2:30 a.m. and 1 a.m., tore apart the steering column, failed attempt to steal the car, \$500 in damage.

Eggs were reported thrown at residence in the 3000 block of Carlson on Nov. 8 between 11 p.m. and an obscenity written on the garage door.

On Nov. 6 a Stockton resident reported finding her home that don't belong to

Pryde

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run, "would have been like going to L.A.," he said.

Yes, things have sure changed since Donald "Dick" Pryde was young. Over the years, as more and more people settled into the East Bay, he helped build a family business that has thrived. "Yep, things just got better and better," Dick said. But running the family business seemed to have kept him pretty busy — so busy that he said "I don't think I've gone across the Golden Gate Bridge more than a couple of

dozen times in my entire life." When asked if he remembered the first time he crossed that great span, Dick said no, he didn't. Then he scratched his chin and an old sadness seem to overcome him for a moment: He did remember the first time he crossed the Oakland Bay Bridge, though, he said; it was when he drove his ailing father to a hospital in San Francisco. Yes, Dick said, he remembered that trip real well: he remembered it because his father never came home.

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Albany man proves shot putting just as fun the second time around

I remember a friend in high school who was a shot putter. He told me that it wasn't only his strong arm that made him a winner, it took the strength of his whole body behind that arm to get the distance he did. I was reminded of that when Clay Larson showed me the picture of him in the act of shot putting. (Of course, my friend didn't have a red beard. Larson's make his actions much more dramatic, I think.)

Clay Larson shot put when a student at Cal State Hayward. He was on this small college was NCA champion and was Division I All American. Certainly he was part of that honor, as he threw the shot over 100 feet "which was sort of a landmark distance."

Larson graduated from Cal State Hayward in 1968, with a degree in Chemistry. When he went into graduate school at Cal he dropped track and field because there was too much else going on that was exciting. He says he lost a lot of weight and led a very normal life.

After leaving Berkeley he went back to Chemistry. Since 1978 he has worked for the California Department of Health Services as a research chemist in the food and drug lab in a section called Pesticide Systems Analysis. He handles laboratories to do DUI alcohol and drug testing.

Larson never stopped exercising, mostly jogging and weight lifting. About four or five years ago he became more serious about weight lifting and decided to try shot putting again. Since then he has been competing in Masters Meets with athletes over

about 30. About three years ago he started to have some success.

This year the USATF (United States of America Track and Field) championships were held in San Jose. It was their 30th annual meet. One of the events was for men between 50 and 54, and it was here that Clay Larson won the Shot Put event over 12 other men. "California is a shot put hot bed," he tells us, along with Montana, New Mexico, Texas, Arizona and New York.

Next year the meet will be held in Orono, Maine. Larson hopes to go and win the division championship.

He says in the men's 90 division a man from Oakland won, and there was a woman of 80 who also won in her division. There is a sub-masters, also, where the youngest division is 30 years. He says there were 1,200 competitors in San Jose for that meet. He was pleased that the Channel 7 news report had a brief bit about his triumph.

There is also a Worlds Veterans Athletic Association.

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



This year those championships were held in Dirbon S.A., with 5800 people attending. Larson did not go, but he noted that the fellow who came in second was someone he knew in college, while the one who finished third was from Chico.

Larson noted, a little sadly, that his wife Joan and daughter Laura did not see him win in San Jose, although his daughter reminded him that they had watched him often in other meets. Joan Larson is a busy person, being active in the Albany Education Foundation, where she is a member of the board, and in the Music Boosters and PTA of the high school which Laura, 16, attends.

Larson is modest about his accomplishments, but he thoroughly enjoys both the events, and the winning. And why wouldn't he. It is a happy hobby.

Outside my window, after an early morning downpour, the sun is shining on the wet pavement, the cars are streaming past on new repaved freeway and the world feels lovely. But earlier, while I was swimming the world was a lovely golden glow. The clouds covering the sky were so thin that the gold of the sun turned them to a lovely wispy gold, and suffused the earth below in that lovely glow. Beautiful. I hope you saw it.

Thank you, Laura Teitler, for suggesting Clay Larson. Different and fun.

And, as always, I invite all of you to do the same. Give me your suggestions for interesting people, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, 94706, or call 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.



Clay Larson about to heave-ho in competition.

Chamber

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have sponsored all 16 tables. The cost of one table is \$200.

Businesses and persons wishing to help with this project are now being asked to sign up as a sponsor. Sponsorship of a table can be shared, and donations are tax deductible.

Sponsors will have a placard posted noting their sponsorship, oral recognition during the evening, a poster in their business window, and recognition in local

newspapers. Sponsors will also receive two guest tickets for Casino Night.

Previous years' sponsors have included: Dr. Edward Matsushita, The Glenn Framing, Dr. Foor Paws Pet Hospital, Pastime Ace Hardware, Red Oak Realty, Ball Chiropractic, Moeser Lane Shell, Dr. Andrew Wallach, Fairmont Podiatry Group, El Cerrito Construction, Drs. Nelson & Myers Orthodontists, Chapman & Gough, Bowser Construction,

Mechanics Bank, and Kensington Veterinary Hospital.

Businesses wishing to help sponsor this year's event may do so by contacting chairperson Louise F. O'Dea at (510) 526-8169.

Official start of Christmas

The start of the Christmas season will officialget underway here at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, when Santa arrives at El Cerrito Plaza.

The jolly gent from the North

Pole will be driven to the Plaza amid sirens and fanfare on top of a firetruck representing the Richmond and El Cerrito fire departments. The firetruck will be escorted by cars and a motorcycle brigade from the El Cerrito and Richmond Police Departments. Santa Claus will be housed at the El Cerrito Plaza Santa's Village each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 23.

In conjunction with the Firemen's Toy Program, children under the age of 12 can have pictures taken with Santa and can explore "North Pole Wonderland" inside Santa's Village. There will be candy and surprises available on those days.

Children will also be able to visit Santa's Village every day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and can mail letters to Santa at the North Pole on the days he is not in residence. All letters will be answered.

Throughout the holiday season the merchants of El Cerrito Plaza

will also be conducting their annual Christmas Coloring Contest.

Youngsters under the age of 9 can pick up contest applications at Santa's Village or from any of the 39 stores in El Cerrito Plaza.

Winners of the contest will receive ribbons and \$25 in Plaza Money to spend at any of the participating stores.

An angel in El Cerrito

An angel hanging above the doorway to a vacant store next to El Cerrito Lighting is adding a delightfully beautiful festive touch to the El Cerrito business scene.

The metal angel sculpture, outlined by a series of small lights, is the work of Mark Canepa, son of Lee and Ed Canepa.

We don't know how much Mark would charge to make a few more of these angels — but if four or five stores were to hang similar sculptures from their storefronts, it sure would add a touch of Christmas class to El Cerrito's business district this year!

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■ Martin Snapp

Blues For Master Charley: Every week, Charley Walton goes down to the Berkeley Marina to feed the kitties.

Charley, who just turned 9 on Monday, is the youngest member of Feed & Fix Felines, a loosely-knit group of animal lovers who have taken it upon themselves to care for the abandoned creatures who have been dumped at the waterfront by thoughtless humans.

But they do more than feed the cats. They socialize them to human company and — whenever possible — humanely trap them. The cats are then taken to one of three veterinarians in El Cerrito for spaying or neutering. (And hats off to these caring vets — Dr. David McClun of El Cerrito Pet Hospital, Dr. Lee Prutton of Abbey Pet Hospital and Dr. Thomas Foor of Foor Pet Hospital — for performing the operations at rock-bottom rates.)

If the cats have been socialized enough to be adoptable, they're placed in loving new homes. Otherwise, they get to live out their lives at the Marina, where their health and well-being will be monitored for the rest of their lives.

Originally, there were 25 cats. But what with the spaying and neutering and adoptions, the volunteers have been able to pare the number down to five. All five are now spayed and neutered, so there won't be any more. (Unless some jerk dumps more cats there.) They live quietly, sleeping in the nearby sailboats. Far from resenting their presence, the sailboat owners welcome them because they catch rats and other vermin.

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Of all the cats, Charley's favorite was Cloud, a friendly little gray-and-white male with a fat tummy (courtesy of Charley). Charley adored Cloud, and the feeling was mutual. Whenever he saw Charley approaching, the little cat would emerge from hiding and circle around Charley's feet, purring and rubbing up against his legs.

Cloud had gotten so tame, in fact, he was about to be put up for adoption.

But it was not to be, because Cloud was killed last week.

Charley wasn't there when it happened (thank God), but another volunteer, Karuna Davis, was. She saw a woman with a large dog unleash the dog and let it chase the cats, despite the presence of signs saying it's against the law to let your dog off the leash in that area.

As politely as she could, Davis pointed out to the woman that it's against the law, and the woman replied, "Yeah, yeah, I know." Then she let her dog chase the cats again.

This time it chased Cloud into the street, where he was hit and killed by a car.

The driver of the car quickly drove off without stopping. The woman and her dog (still unleashed, by the way) beat a hasty exit, too. All that was left was one lifeless little body lying in the middle of the street.

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It took several days before Charley's mom summoned up enough courage to tell Charley that his little friend was dead. He was pretty brave about it, even though his eyes kept brimming with tears. "I don't understand," he said. "How can it be against the law and still happen?"

Good question, Charley. Look, I'm a firm believer in open spaces for dogs to run off-leash. For many breeds, walking around the block on a leash is simply not enough exercise.

It's a real problem for dog owners, especially now that word is getting around about the danger of catching kennel cough at Point Isabel. (My own vet, Dr. Alan Shiro of Berkeley Dog & Cat Hospital, tells me that whenever he sees a dog with an upper respiratory infection, the first thing he asks the owner is "Have you been to Point Isabel recently?")

So dog owners have my sympathy and support. But not when they're irresponsible about it.

This tiny area at the Marina — near the north cul-de-sac — is the cats' home, the only home they've ever known. They deserve to live out their lives naturally and with dignity, the same way you'd wish for your own pet.

Dog owners have to realize that they're interlopers there, and respect the cats' safety. It may look funny to watch the cats scatter in all directions when Bowser goes "Woof!" but it's not funny to the cats.

Most dog owners — in fact, the overwhelming majority — are caring, responsible people. They're trying to convince the city to open up more areas for off-leash dog runs, and I'll back them 100 percent.

But first, they'll have to police the irresponsible few among them. If not, they'll end up driving away people who should be their natural allies — people like me.

So if you own a dog, please keep it on-leash in this area — for the sake of other dog owners, as well as the cats.

And if you'd like to help Charley and his friends feed the kitties, call 649-9111. I'd love to tell you where to send donations, but they're still in the process of incorporating as a non-profit organization and haven't set up a tax-deductible bank account yet. When they do, I'll pass the information on to you.

Meanwhile, here's a message for that woman who let her dog run off-leash last week: Nice job, lady — one dead cat and one broken-hearted little boy. Not bad for one day's work.

Sorry, Charley. Hope you had a happy birthday, anyway.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in *The Journal*. Write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 2936 Domingo Ave., Berkeley 9470 or phone him at (510) 273-9039. Don't e-mail for a couple of weeks; his computer is on the blink.

Santa Claus is coming to the Plaza

You better not pout, and here's why: Santa Claus arrives at the El Cerrito Plaza at 10 a.m. on Saturday Nov. 29. He will be driven to the Plaza amid sirens and fanfare on the top of a fire truck representing the Richmond and El Cerrito fire departments. The fire truck will be escorted by El Cerrito and Richmond police — cars and motorcycle brigades.

Santa Claus will be housed at the El Cerrito Plaza Santa's Village each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Dec. 23.

In conjunction with the Fireman's Toy Program, children under the age of 12 can have pictures taken with Santa and explore the North Pole Winterland

inside Santa's Village. There will be candy and surprises available on these days. Children can visit Santa's Village every day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and can mail letters to Santa at the North Pole on the days that he is not in residence. All letters will be answered.

Also during this time there will be a Christmas Coloring Contest. Children under the age of 9 can pick up coloring contest applications at Santa's Village or from many of the 39 stores in the El Cerrito Plaza. Winners of this contest will receive ribbons and \$25 in Plaza Money to spend at a store in the El Cerrito Plaza.

Local car shops certified as environmentally friendly

ALBANY — It isn't been easy to single out environmentally friendly auto repair shops from the others, but now, patrons can look for the Green Business logo, which indicates shops that meet environmental compliance regulations, reduce energy and water use, and cut down on their waste volume.

Of the nine Alameda County automotive shops that met the Green Business standards, three are in Albany, one of the county's smallest cities. Patti & Steve's Auto Care, new to the city, was the first to qualify, followed more by Nippon European Auto Repair and Dana Meyer Foreign Car Service. "The concentration of Green Businesses

in Albany is representative of the interest in environmental issues in the community at large," says Diamara Bach, city Environmental Resources Assistant. "From my experience, Albany residents and businesses care about the quality of our environment."

Businesses do not "self-certify." They undergo an inspection by the Green Business "Team," which includes local fire, environmental, water, air and energy auditors. Business operators usually dread regulatory compliance inspections. But Dana Meyer, owner of Dana Meyer Foreign Car Service, welcomed the opportunity to show his shop to the inspectors.

"After 22 years of running a clean business and recycling every waste I could, I was thrilled that local agencies are recognizing the efforts of shops like mine. I now have a window sticker so that the public can pick my shop out of the crowd," he said. "I was driving my wastes to recycling centers long before the curbside service became available. Now, the local waste management contractor picks up a lot of what I used to haul myself."

The Bay Area Green Business Program is a partnership of elected officials, environmental regulators, utility companies and business groups that set standards for Green Businesses. Details: 567-6770.

Court

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forever, and I'm not happy about that." Good said.

Though no reasons were given for the denial, the move represents a victory for CRG in that it allows the recent appellate decision to stand.

In August, the appeals court ruled the city violated the California Environmental Quality Act by submitting a development agreement to voters as part of Measure F.

Also, the court said, the city violated the Gaming Registration Act in crafting the ballot question posed as Measure F. City voters not only approved a cardroom in 1994, but did so, according to the measure, "in order to provide revenue for the City of Albany, create jobs, provide for an Albany Bay Trail, and allow Albany waterfront access."

The court cited the added language as stating a "partisan position" in that it "overtly endorsed arguments advanced by proponents of the measure."

The next step in the lawsuit will take place in Superior Court where, the appellate court ruled, a judge must determine what, if any, effect the ballot question had, and to what degree the 1996 agreements allow the city to mitigate potential impacts.

Albany City Attorney Robert Zweben has said he believes CRG will have a difficult time proving the question had any effect on the election, while CRG attorney Bob Outis said his group will not have to prove that at all.

"I don't believe that is part of the cause of action that we pleaded," Outis said. "I don't believe we have to show that in any specific sense. I think there will be a battle yet over that question."

Also, the city must still fend off a second CRG lawsuit, filed earlier this year, challenging the City Council's waiver of the Feb. 1, 1997 "drop dead date" in the development agreement authorizing the cardroom. If CRG wins either suit,

the project will have been defeated.

Lining up on different sides

The latest development comes at a time when CRG seems slowly, but surely, to be gaining the upper hand. The original, eight-count suit, filed in 1995, was ruled against in Superior Court at a time when cardroom proponents accused CRG members of being sore losers in the wake of the fiercely contested election.

Players in the ongoing legal drama have included the San Francisco Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club, which originally supported CRG's position but backed out after Albany and Ladbroke Racing Corp., the company authorized to build the cardroom, signed a pair of agreements promising environmental review. In contrast, the City of Berkeley filed a brief on behalf of CRG, as did a number of other groups, while Albany received signatures on a Ladbroke-sponsored brief from dozens of California cities.

Former Albany mayor Mike Brodsky, who was once the project's main proponent, retired last year after serving only one term on the City Council, and a majority of current council members have, at one time or another, opposed the project.

More recently, the City of Los Angeles and the California Business Properties Association signed briefs on behalf of Albany urging the Supreme Court to review the matter.

In the wake of the Supreme Court's refusal to hear the case, Arkin stressed that the CRG suits have not been so much about stopping the cardroom itself as about correcting the process through which it was approved.

In addition to the ballot question and lack of environmental review, Arkin pointed to inaccurate budget deficit projections that were central to the pro-cardroom campaign.

"I think the city really needs to acknowledge that they screwed up," Arkin said. "Our goal all along has

been to get them to go back and do it right."

Outis agreed, saying the Supreme Court's refusal to hear the matter reiterates the appellate court's decision stating that all was not well with the election.

"No matter how they try to sugarcoat it, the fact is they were held to have violated two important laws," Outis said.

City Attorney Zweben was unavailable for comment, as was Ladbroke Vice President John Ford. Although, from a technical standpoint, Albany is the entity being sued by CRG, the lawsuit has been fueled not so much by a desire on the part of the city to see the matter through as from the fact that Ladbroke has thus far picked up the tab, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to fight the two suits.

"I'm sure Ladbroke has all the money in the world to proceed if they want to," Outis said. "It seems to me they ought to find a way to get themselves out of this pit."

Among council members, Mayor Good said little other than condemning the ongoing CRG suits. On the matter of the ballot question, however, he did say that, in hindsight, it should have perhaps been worded differently.

Also, Good said, if the matter has to be submitted to voters again, he might very well support the cardroom this time around.

"I don't know what's going to happen," said Councilmember Jon Ely, a former CRG member who was elected to the council last November.

Though he agrees with the CRG assertions regarding the ballot question and development agreement, Ely also said, "I think the city should stay its course" as far as fighting the two lawsuits.

Also, said Ely regarding the upcoming Superior Court battle, "I bet you anything it will be appealed no matter what the judge rules." Either side can appeal either, or both, of the upcoming Superior Court decisions.

a good idea. Good, proving himself consistent, if nothing else, said, "Sounds great," and, by a 5-0 vote, the matter was decided.

Bond

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Using this surety bond will free up money in the reserve fund that the agency can use elsewhere.

Any savings the agency can make is important because the agency owes the city almost \$1 million for use of city staff. Agency Chair Bartke said that paying back the city is one of the agency's top priorities. She said that sometime next month the agency will present its plan on how and when it will repay its debt to the city.

The absent councilmember was Gina Brusatori, who has a Berkeley MBA and works as a banker. Several members of the public asked the council and agency to put off voting on the resolution until Brusatori was present to give her financial expertise. Bartke told the audience, "Gina is at ease with what we are presenting" and that Brusatori supports the refinancing.

In an interview with *The Journal* last month, Brusatori, who is finance subcommittee co-chair for the Redevelopment Agency, said there is a "window of opportunity" to refinance the bonds and the city should take advantage of it.

Bill Mann

CBS Takes Off, Eh?: If you like your news with a moderate dose of internationalism, your eye on what may be about to happen at the News. It's been obvious for some time that ABC's "World News Tonight" carries by far the most overseas news of the Big Three, which still has much. That's largely because of Canadian-born anchor Peter Jennings' extensive foreign news background and his non-U.S. heritage.

But with Jennings' newscast going from last recently in the ratings — slipping behind re-signed (for \$7 million yearly) Dan Rather's "Evening News" — the pressure is on ABC's boss Boone Arledge to copy NBC's success. More "lifestyle" news, more service features with the big Nielsen ratings sweeps ending, there are plenty of nervous people at ABC.

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Neither NBC nor the ratings-revived CBS has followed in NBC's footsteps, placing the emphasis on international stories that Jennings and Arledge routinely do. (After all, 95 percent of the news in the world each day doesn't happen in the U.S.) Why? Because the consultants say audience research shows most viewers don't care about U.S. stories. So the network news bosses give people just what they want — just as the driven weasels who run music radio have for years. Important news decisions are now being made by groups of viewers, not journalists, and the news is blowing it. And TV news will continue to ensure that our country becomes more provincial xenophobic than it already is. Oh, well, at least CNN.

MULTIMEDIA NOTES: We talked last week about the decline in quality of "Seinfeld." So what comedy doing in syndication on KTVU's nights, when it goes head to head against TV's sitcom, "Frasier," which airs at 7 on KRON? "Frasier" hasn't let its standards slip. Possibly because many Bay Area viewers aren't aware "Frasier" is now available in reruns, "Seinfeld" most nights. One recent week, KTVU's "Seinfeld" posted a weekly Nielsen ratings average of 6.1 (percent of all TV's), "Frasier" a respectable 5.1. Channel 7's "Jeopardy!" usually wins at 7:00, a brutally competitive time spot when several programs go head-to-head. "The Simpsons" had been at 7 typically pulls some of Channel 44's best all day, often also beating "Frasier." At least on run there's some consolation "Frasier" has ABC's tired-looking "Home Improvement" on Nielsen top 10 this year. "Improvement" had been winning this big Tuesday head-to-head battle this year...

I can take Tarheel warbler James Taylor doses at most, but certainly not every five minutes those annoying Lucky Store radio jingles. Or Taylor impersonator? It doesn't matter. Jerry as Oakland's mayor? Puh-lease. Oakland does a mayor who has at least a hint of a soul. And not a racial commentary: When I was working KTVU three years ago, Brown used to originate "We The People" radio drone-a-thon from 2's studios, typically with some of his (usually female) disciples sitting at his feet. On a couple occasions, I spotted Brown at the live update in the TV newsroom, waiting to go on CNN's Span. Typically, he'd be flipping through *The Street Journal*, almost never looking up, rarely speaking to anyone, the very picture of aloofness. I don't think the No Soul Man would have good votes at KTVU.

You may have seen that recent "NBC Dates" piece on the return of the hungry polar bear to remote Churchill Falls, Manitoba. Alameda's George Newell was the sole East Bay representative in his tour group over there last month. He says glad he went a second time "but twice is enough." The personable Newell took some amazing photos of the ravenous bears — from the safety of a large special vehicle that sits 10 feet off the ground. Newell, by the way, is no stranger to exotic locales — in his garage in an unassuming south Alameda neighborhood sits a beautiful Aston-Martin driven by sports-car driver Newell. It's worth over a million, and Newell bought it years ago from singer Ricky Nelson.

Car Talk: Speaking of matters automotive, I R Us), one East Bay reader e-mailed me a funny called Auto Acronyms Deciphered. Among the funnier entries, it claims "Buick" stands for "Bogus Ugly Indestructible Car Killer." BMW? "Bogus Wife" or "Brutal Money Waster." Chevrolet? "Hear Every Valve Rap on Long Extended Trip Dodge." "Dirty Old Gas Eater." Fiat: "Fix It All Time," or "Fix It Again, Tony!" Ford: "Bawls." "Driver Returns on Foot." Also: "Features Old Ron's DNA." GMC? "Got a Mechanic Come Oldsmobile." "Overpriced, Leisurely Driven." "Made of Buick's Leftover Equipment." "Or this Ladies Driving Slowly Make Others Behind Him." "Lively Late Everyday." Saab: "Swedish Always Breakdown." Toyota: "Too Often Y." Overprice This Auto." Volvo: "Very Old Look Vehicular Object." VW: "Virtually Worthless." Finally, this wish for next week's holiday comes from a sign I saw on our military base when I was growing up: "Happy Thanksgiving To Authorized Personnel Only."

Arts & Letters

East Bay Events

Konchalovsky films showing

Andrei Konchalovsky: The Russian Films, a series of films by the Russian screenwriter and director, screens at the Pacific Film Archive from Nov. 21 through Nov. 30. Featured titles include: "Andrei Rublev," "The First Teacher," "Uncle Vanya" and "A Nest of Gentlefolk." Call for schedule.

Tickets are \$5.50 or \$7 for double-bills. Berkeley Art Museum and Theater, 2625 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Details: 642-1412.



From left to right, back row: Jackie Ryan, vocalist; Elena Mysyn, 2nd violin; Jeremy Cohen, 1st violin; Vince Delgado, percussion. Front row: Branislav Bubalo, accordion; Dan Reiter, cello. (Not pictured) Larry Vuckovich, piano; Svelozar Necak, bass; Marina Wrede, viola.)

Gypsy jazz and world romance music

Under the Sun Ensemble is a recently formed group of nine world-class musicians, all with impressive credentials in their own right. They offer a varied fare of Gypsy jazz and world romance music "that sings and stirs the fire in your Gypsy soul."

No material seems to be foreign to this talented ensemble which has renditions drawn from many sources, including jazz, ethnic, folk, and classical.

Under the Sun Ensemble has recently issued their first CD, "Closer to Me." They will be in concert at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. in Berkeley, on Sunday, Nov. 23, 6 p.m. Tickets (\$15 advance, \$20 at the door) or information: (650) 366-8530.

The farce is strong

There's still a chance to catch the Actors Ensemble of Berkeley production of "What the Butler Saw," a British farce by Joe Orton, that runs Nov. 22. Tickets are \$9 and performances are Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Nov. 20, 8 p.m. at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Details: 528-5620.

Book and paper collectors note

The Jack London Book and Paper Collectors Fair, a sale of books, ephemera and paper collectibles, is Nov. 23, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 3 p.m. Ishmael Reed, author of "Multi-America: Essays on Cultural Wars and Cultural Peace," will be on hand to sign copies of his book. Admission is \$5. Berkeley Marina Marriott, 200 Marina Blvd., Berkeley. 444-2159.



Takacs Quartet performs Sunday.

Takacs Quartet at Hertz Hall

Cal Performances presents the renowned Takacs Quartet at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 23 at Hertz Hall. Natives of Hungary and currently serving as Quartet-in-Residence at the University of Colorado, Boulder, the Takacs is composed of violinists Edward Dusinberre and Karoly Schranz, violist Roger Tapping and cellist Andras Fejer. The group's matinee concert features Haydn's *Quartet in C major, Opus 33, No. 3*, "The Birds"; *Quartet No. 3* from countryman Bela Bartok; and Schubert's *Quartet No. 14 in D minor (D.810)*, "Death and the Maiden."

Tickets are priced at \$28.00. Tickets for all performances are available through the Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall; at (510) 642-9988 to charge by phone; and at the door. Tickets are also available through all BASS outlets, and through BASS tickets at (510) 762-BASS, and the BASS Arts Line at (415) 776-1999. Half-price tickets are available for purchase by UC Berkeley students; and UC faculty and staff, senior citizens and other students receive a \$2 discount. For more information, call 642-9988.

'Canterbury Tales'

Geoffrey Chaucer and Co. presents "Canterbury Tales," a series of performances presenting the entire cycle of tales. Nov. 22, 11 a.m.: "The Knight's Tale." A brown bag matinee performance.

Nov. 23, 8 p.m.: "The Knight's Tale." Tickets: \$15 general; \$13 seniors; \$10 students. Speakeasy Theatre Company, 2016 Seventh St., Berkeley. (415) 491-0818.

Activities at Tilden

"Blocking the Bootlegs," Nov. 23, 10 a.m. Help to cut and pile brush to block unofficial trails that are damaging to wildlife habitat. Meet at the Environmental Education Center.

"Eucalyptus Forest Greets the Rain," Nov. 23, 2 p.m. Stroll through the eucalyptus grove and look for frogs, newts, owls or other denizens. Meet at the EEC.

Happy Clown Theater in Albany

The Buddy Club presents "Happy Clown Theater," With Jim Bidi and Paul E. Wog and singer Randy McCommons on Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to noon at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Tickets are \$6 general; free age 2 and under. Details: 524-9283.

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Audrey II comes to life in Pt. Richmond

By Phyllis Lyon

Quick, Henry, the Roundup! The Masquers have let loose the Potted Plant That Ate America in their current production, *Little Shop of Horrors*. The '50s-style rock musical plays weekends in Pt. Richmond through Dec. 20.

Masquer actors, directed by Steve Hill with the assistance of Shelli Ireland, maintain a comic zest with fine singing and highspirited performances in the macabre science fiction comedy, surely not an easy task when the so-called "bear" is an evil plant which grows from a 4" pot to fill the stage with its huge, loud mouth and creepy tendrils.

With no customers, life in Mushnik's little flower store on Skid Row is no bed of roses. Just when Mushnik (Arthur Atlas in top curmudgeonly form) is about to close up shop for good, a strange little plant appears on the doorstep during an eerie eclipse of the sun. Figuring it will save the shop, he displays the plant in the window to attract curious customers. Does it ever.

Naming the plant Audrey II after his fellow florist and secret love, Seymour Krelborn (Justin Cole as the bespectacled nebbish) happily agrees to nourish the burgeoning bud until



Seymour (Justin Cole) listens to the imprecations of Audrey II as the alien plant tries to convince him to provide more blood for food in the Masquers Playhouse production of 'Little Shop of Horrors.'

he discovers what it wants when it snarls, "Feed me." Seymour makes a deal with the devil-plant: love and success in exchange for human plant food.

Bridget Quinn Fearn stands out as Audrey, the beautiful but battered blonde with no self-

esteem. Fearn's wistful rendition of "Somewhere That's Green," is a show stopper. Audrey sings of her longing to live in Levittown like Donna Reed with a Vitalis-haired man and a 12" television set. At play's end, Audrey does go

somewhere that's green, proving again a person should be careful what

Dentists in *Little Shop's* audience may tend to regard the villainous portrayal of their profession as a cheap shot.

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Open Studios tour: perfect holiday shopping junket

The Berkeley Artisans Holiday Open Studios Holiday begins next weekend, when 125 artisans open their studios to the public on weekends after Thanksgiving. A free map for the self-guided tour is available listing all participants for the event, which will be held Saturdays and Sundays 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Nov. 29-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21.

Over 100 artists and craftspeople at studio buildings concentrated in South and West Berkeley will participate, showing functional & decorative ceramics, ornaments, lamps, blown glass, shardwork, sculpture, dolls, indoor gardens, art and custom furniture, mobiles, wood carvings, wreaths and topiaries, painted steel clocks, hand decorated eggs, poufs and pillows, menorahs, floorcloths,



wearable art, clothing, hats, many styles of jewelry, various textiles, paintings, original prints, artists' books, and other works on paper. All work is handcrafted, and many pieces are one-of-a-kind.

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Right, Glass blower Michael Sosin at Pinzette Glass Works, one of the locations you can visit on this year's tour. Left, a ceramic container by Bob Pool at Earthworks Studio.

Acclaimed A Capella group performing to benefit needy children

Tonight brings the eighth anniversary local performance of the Bay Area's own, Street Sounds, an internationally renowned vocal group that has shared the stage with some of the world's most notable musical icons.

Performing a jubilee concert at the Julia Morgan Theater in Berkeley, the A Capella group, composed of three women and two men have gained international acclaim for their "all engaging" performances which are inclusive of musical prose and storytelling.

Street Sounds, the brainchild of Louise Robinson, former member and founder of the famed A Capella group Sweet Honey in the Rock, was established eight years ago in Oakland. Its members (Michelle Jacques, Steven Thomas, Rhonda Crane and Bryan Dyer, along with Louise Robinson) literally "stretch" the meaning of A Cappella.

Street Sound's musical tapestry includes jazz, gospel, blues, civil rights and human

rights songs, African chants, folk songs, R&B, salsa and doo-wop.

Tonight's concert acknowledges the launch of Street Sound's annual holiday concerts for children. Organizers hope the performance will help draw attention to the critical and fundamental needs of children. Patrons are asked to bring toys, books or canned food that will be distributed to needy children via the Mary Ann Wright Foundation (more commonly known as Mother Wright).

Street Sounds will perform more than 20 numbers, many of which will include interaction with the audience.

The concert is at 8 p.m. at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. in Berkeley. Tickets, \$15 general admission and \$10 seniors and children, are available at Many Hands, Many Lands, 357A Grand Ave., Oakland (835-4341) and at Strickling's House of Music, 6220 Third Street, San Francisco (415-715-6733).

Dance students find rewards in creativity

By Carol Egan

It would be hard to find two Cal students more deeply engrossed in their majors than Ondrea Ackerman and Todd Eckert, both of whom are dance students in UC Berkeley's Department of Dramatic Art. Ackerman, a junior who is double majoring in Dance and English, and Eckert, now in his final semester and a Dance major, are putting the final touches on their joint production which will take place this weekend (Nov. 20-22 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 22 at 2 p.m.) in the Black Box Theater (Room 7) in Zellerbach Hall.

While other students look forward to the weekend and a time to party, these two young and dedicated artists are polishing their choreography and setting their minds to production concerns such as lighting, costumes, and bows. Their program, entitled "20 Eggs to Scramble: A Recipe for Movement," is actually two independent projects utilizing certain common restrictions.

The two conferred and decided that, rather than creating two unrelated dances to put on one program, they would begin from the same task assignment. "We wanted to see how two choreographers approach the same material in different ways."

The first thing they did was to choose one hundred words, from which twenty were ultimately selected and used. They also set forth two restrictions: each of them had to incorporate the same two props, a large cardboard box and a broom, and each piece had to have three scenes. By chance, both chose six dancers and decided to work with student composers from the Music Department (Ackerman is collaborating with Michael Zbyszynski and Eckert with Greg Pitter).

Originally from Los Angeles, Ackerman, who had spent 10 years as a gymnast before turning to dance at the end of her high school career, confessed that she first began seriously studying dance

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Special ceremony to honor Doug Adams

By Carol Egan

One place in Berkeley where the arts are being taught and practiced with little fanfare, but with deep commitment, is the Pacific School of Religion, a collection of eight seminaries of different denominations. One of the people responsible for the flourishing of the arts at PSR, which is a mixture of seminary and graduate school, is Dr. Doug Adams. Professor of Christianity and the Arts, who is in his 22nd year on the faculty.

This Friday, Nov. 21, the work of Adams, along with that of sculptor Stephen De Staebler, will be celebrated in a day-long series of discussions,

performances, and other events. Appropriately, the celebration will feature the work of several artists. The events, which take place at the Graduate Theological Union, begin with a series of activities focused on DeStaebler's sculpture, "Winged Figure," on display in the center of the GTU library.

From 9 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. three scholars of art and religion will analyze the sculpture from their different religious perspectives: Christianity (Jane Dillenberger), Judaism (Jo Milgrom), and Buddhism (Ron Nakasone). At 12:30 p.m. there will be a choreographed response to "Winged Figure," created by Professor Carla DeSola for her Omega West Dance Company.

Afternoon events will include discussions of the work from the perspectives of art history (Doug Adams), poetry (Tim Nuveen), and psychiatry (Allen Dyer), as well as a discussion by the sculptor himself, along with his collaborator on many projects, Jane Blaffer Owen. Finally, a tribute to Doug Adams will take place at 3:00pm followed by a closing reception.

In a recent interview, Adams, communicated a continuing love of the arts that has clearly guided the path his career has taken. Having grown up as a member of a large Congregational Church in Rockford, Ill., he joined both a dance choir and a drama group affiliated with his parish while still in elementary school.

His interest in dance deepened during his undergraduate studies at Duke University. "I was taking classes with a professor of Russian Orthodox studies who was visiting from Oxford. He introduced us to how the arts were a major part of Christianity of the East in a way that they never have been as fully in the West. Part of it was that the early church councils in the East pronounced that the non-verbal arts are coequal with verbal expressions as a mode of doing theology."

He is clearly proud of the proliferation of arts courses at PSR. "There are about 700 courses throughout the year offered here among the nine schools at GTU." He cites numerous listings in the catalogue, including several in dance taught by Carla DeSola, one of the country's leading liturgical dance proponents.

"I had gotten to know her well in the late '60s. We were both involved in the Sacred Dance Guild, a national group which is a loose alliance of people from different religious traditions. The Sacred Dance Guild is actually one of the last things Ted Shawn and Ruth St. Denis did when they were together. The first few years it met at Jacob's Pillow (Shawn's dance center in New England where summer dance festivals still take place)." These two modern dance pioneers devoted much of their artistic energy to

creations reflecting an interest in spirituality, often using Biblical themes in their choreography. Shawn had originally planned on becoming a minister before he discovered his passion for dance.

In addition to her busy academic year schedule, DeSola's summer courses at PSR regularly attract 150 to 200 students. "As part of the summer school, we try to have about 22 arts courses out of the 75 to a 100 courses offered. We have people come from Australia and several from Europe every year, because they can take several weeks of arts and religion."

Discussing his students, Adams says, "These days, people coming to a seminary or a graduate school of religion are as likely to have a background in a dance department as in philosophy or religion. And that's a wonderful change. Thirty years ago, a person coming to a seminary or a graduate school of religion probably majored in religion or philosophy, the occasional literature major. Now, if we had only religion majors here, we could meet in the phone booth."

Justifiably proud of the large enrollments in the Religion and Dance courses, Adams says, "I think three things contribute to it. One is an interest in spirituality. People are up to here with words, and they want something non-verbal. The second thing is that non-verbal communication is now a dominant part of our culture. Students who come now are much more non-verbal. Third is the development of feminism within religion. Now the majority of our students are women and have been for 15 years."

The PhD program, the largest PhD program in religion in the country, includes about fifty students in the arts.

"Interestingly, a number of people come with jobs already in their pockets. They're really coming to get the PhD, so we have people who are already professors in dance, drama or visual arts departments." The head of the art department and art gallery at UC Irvine was one of Adams' first doctoral students. "She found that contemporary artists were dealing with spirituality, and she didn't know how to deal with it. So she came and got her doctorate when she was already tenured and a full professor. She did her doctorate on the concept of emptiness in contemporary religion and art."

Talking about his own main interests, Adams confesses that folk forms in dance and the history of dance in worship have been his specialties. "Leading the whole congregation in movement has really been my emphasis. I'm quite in favor of solo dance and dance companies that are equivalent to a choir singing in worship, but I think that, unless we awake the kinesthetic sense of the congregational members, the

Taiko Festival will enliven Zellerbach

San Francisco Taiko Dojo and Cal Performances present the renowned International Taiko Festival, showcasing the art of Japanese ritual drumming on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 23 at 3 p.m. at Zellerbach Hall on the UC Berkeley Campus.

Tickets are \$25, \$20 and \$17, and are available through Cal Performances Ticket Office at Zellerbach Hall, at 642-9988 to charge by phone, and at the door. Students, seniors, UC faculty and staff are eligible for a discount.



Doug Adams

performance of dance is less meaningful. So if we can quicken the kinesthetic sense of the congregation, in sometimes very simple ways, sometimes interactive ways even before the worship service, then I think that the likelihood of meaningful communication is enhanced."

The list of Adams' accomplishments goes on and on. Each and every one is a symbol of "meaningful communication." Friday's tribute to Adams and De Staebler will take place on the third floor of the GTU Library (Scenic Avenue and Ridge Road) in the Richard Dinner Boardroom. Carla DeSola's choreography will be performed across the street in the PSR Chapel, 1798 Scenic Ave.



BHS Jazz Ensemble and Combo

The award-winning Berkeley High School Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Combo, back from stunning success at the North Sea and Morteux Jazz Festivals in Europe this summer, play first concert of the year Friday, Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater at Berkeley High, 1 Way between Milvia and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Tickets are \$8 general, \$3 seniors and students.

Young People's Chamber Orchestra opening 15th season on Sunday

The first Young People's Chamber Orchestra concert of its 15th season will be held on Sunday, Nov. 23, at 4 p.m. at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave. in Berkeley. To be performed are original works by Mozart, Warlock, and Mendelssohn. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend. A reception will be held after the concert at which refreshments will be served.

The Young People's Chamber Orchestra was founded in 1983. Members are string players in grades 5 through 8 and come from all over the Bay Area. The director, Ellen Mindell, has

taught music for 25 years in various venues, among which have been Berkeley Public Schools, Crowden Music School summer program, and Cazadero Performing Arts Camp, as well as private students. Ms. Mindell's conducting teachers were Michael Senturia and Dennis DeCoteau. Ben Spilman, the assistant director, is also a violin maker and teaches private music lessons.

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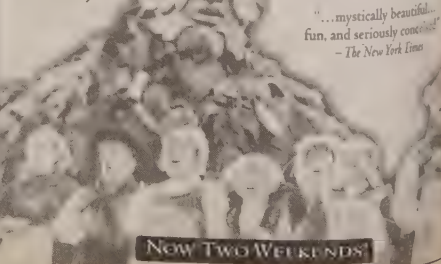
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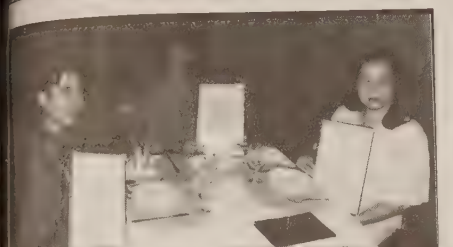
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Autumn Moon on Grand is jumping, the hottest new opening around these parts. The Maven checked it out last week. Preliminary assessment: If the garlicky skirt steak with those divine mashed potatoes are the menu, it's a must. The service was very accommodating but inconsistent, and the kitchen ran out of items early — all manifestations of a new restaurant. The wine list is cute and fun, but the Caesar salad, in its present form, has got to go. Wimpy dressing, cut up leaves. But knowing this restaurant's pedigree, it'll get better with time ...

Check out the Thornhill Coffee House with its new and enthusiastic owners, Joanne & Jim Heider. They're expecting soon and then expecting to begin serving cafe-style food at this wonderful addition to that side of the Hills.

If you're near the Moraga Country Club, stop into the new Bogeys Grill, whose motto is: "We're not just talking club sandwiches." The chef there is John Broening. And it's open for dinner as well as Sunday brunch and features an outdoor patio ...

Wente Vineyards Restaurant in the countryside of Livermore is offering Thanksgiving and Christmas menus for pickup and ready to heat and eat. For Thanksgiving, it's offering Diestel turkey, butternut squash soup, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, fennel and orange salad, pumpkin tart, chocolate-pecan pie and more. Price is \$169 and it will serve six. For Christmas, there's chicken-apple pate, potato-mushroom soup, prime rib, creamed spinach, grilled pears, cranberry-orange and chocolate-walnut tarts. Also for six and for \$198. Kimball Jones is the chef and he's good 'un. Call 456-2450 for rezziess ...

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Dance

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technique in her freshman year at UC Berkeley three years ago. Her experience in dance was extremely limited. "I had never seen modern dance until I saw Alvin Ailey, and I loved it. I have a really strong opinion about what I like, and the more I've seen, the less I've liked." She has been impressed by several choreographers lately, however. Both Pina Bausch and Susan Marshall create the kind of theatrical and dramatic dance theatre that Ackerman seems to admire most.

Because of her ongoing love for literature, Ackerman has chosen to double major, a situation not conducive to reducing stress. She is using text in her current piece, as she did last year in a group work she created for her Choreography class assignment. In both cases, the text is a collage of words she has written. To make life even more hectic, Ackerman is now having to perform the role of one of her dancers who became injured just two weeks ago. The dancer now attends rehearsal, sitting in the wings and calling out corrections to the choreographer! "She tells me, 'No, that's not right!' She's more picky than I am!"

When asked how she manages to find time for all her activities, Ackerman admits, "I don't waste a lot of time." As both a dance and academic student, she spends several hours each day in classes (a daily one and one half hour dance technique class is obligatory), plus rehearsing in the student dance company seven hours weekly in the evenings. For her own piece she spent the first few weeks rehearsing an

additional twenty hours weekly.

Next year she plans on doing two Honors theses, one in each major. She will begin the written process for the dance project next semester, and then do the dance production in the fall. The subject of her honors thesis for English will most likely be twentieth century literature, her favorite period. She will begin work on that in the fall.

Todd Eckert, a graduating senior, chose to concentrate his efforts in dance, once he discovered it was his favorite art form and means of expression. Originally from Truckee, Eckert headed to college with the intention of finding a subject that would suit him and offer possibilities for the development of career goals. Most of all, he knew it had to be something he loved. At first he thought he would major in Art History. But after he began studying dance, he discovered a new passion and became a double major. When it came time for him to choose between taking Renaissance Art History or Dance Pedagogy, he chose the latter and switched from a double major to a Dance Major.

Until now the lean, tall dancer has created solos and small group works, none longer than seven minutes. For this production his work is twenty-two minutes long. "I was a little worried because most of the pieces I've seen that were over twenty minutes, I felt were too long." He has edited this piece a lot, but the time is now defined by the composer's finished product.

Creating work on his own body was one thing (he's six feet tall with a six foot four inch "wingspan" - fingertip to fingertip with arms outstretched and weighs about 150 pounds), making his movement suit other

bodies quite another problem. "That was a very big struggle last year when I did my trio and quartet. It was all about dealing with just that, like how would my movement look good on other people?" Now he has learned to modify and shape the movement as he discovers his dancers' abilities.

His involvement with dance has become total. The past two summers he has attended the intensive summer dance camp known as the American Dance Festival, where he has been able to study different dance styles and choreography, as well as dance with young, upcoming choreographers from abroad.

Like Ondrea, he is very definite about his likes and dislikes in dance. "I LOVE Pina Bausch. What I like most about her is her phrasing, the perfect amount of repetitions. I also really like Cunningham. And I love Trisha Brown. She has the best dancers I've ever seen. Her dancers are so clear that you can see the virtuosity of the choreography."

Besides his dance activities, Eckert is finishing up his other academic requirements, courses in statistics and dramatic literature.

The latter is offered through the Spanish department and concentrates on the work of Lorca. Since Eckert speaks fluent Spanish (he spent a year in Venezuela during his high school years), he is very enthusiastic about the class. Eventually he hopes to teach dance and expects this linguistic ability will be useful to him then.

Although neither student is clear about what the future will bring, both intend to continue following the dance path, wherever it will take them. Meanwhile, it's back to the rehearsal studio for a few more finishing touches.

Tour

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Little

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Others will get a kick out of the rusty drill wielding, nitrous-oxide sniffing dentist from hell, Orin Scrivello. Played nasty to the max by Raymond C. Duval, he is so repulsive that, when he is the first to be tossed into Audrey II's ravenous maw, a playgoer may imagine the comedy is due for a happy ending.

Meanwhile a trio of school dropouts roam the seedy street singing a running commentary on the action. Anna Albanese (Ronnette) in an Albany High letter sweater, Lanie Hansen (Chiffon) in a poodle skirt and Darlene Langston (Crystal), singing a powerful gospel solo, are in perfect harmony, doo wah doo wah, as the delinquent threesome.

Mixing horror and humor, the star of the show is the voracious bulb who comes from outer space to propagate its kind and take over the known world. Puppeteer Eris Fossellius is in charge of opening its fuzzy red mouth to swallow actors whole and Jon Marshall, the plant's

loud, demanding voice. Michelle Hinton, who orchestrated the music, five-piece band in the theater pit. John Hull, the downtown street scene. Linda Woody, Wood the costumes and Fearn, the choreographer and

Audrey. A particular favorite younger set who craved guts in their art. Little is based on a 1970 Roger Corman black and white cult film, notable for Nicholson's performance. Hell's Angel dentist. In the musical Little Shop up off-Broadway with lyrics by Howard Ashman, music by Alan Menken. 1986, came back again in a movie, directed by the

Frank Oz. Little Shop is on stage. The Masquers Playhouse, Park Place, Pt. Richmond, Fridays and Saturdays, p.m. through Dec. 20 p.m. matinees Nov. 20 Dec. 14. Their phone is 232-4031.

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Local students in Honors Choir concert

Three Albany High School Music Department students have been selected to perform in the California Coastal Division Regional Honors Choir on Saturday Nov. 22. The students were selected after auditioning before local music directors. The Honors Choirs consist of very talented California high school students.

The students selected were seniors Laura Schweitzer, and Xiaomang Ba, and Amy Chen, a sophomore. The students will participate in a two day workshop and rehearsal prior to the performance.

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Salsa Lessons; 7 - 8 p.m., beginners; 8 - 9 p.m., intermediate; Steve Friedman gives Salsa dance lessons every Monday night at the Francis Albrier Community Center, 2800 Park St., Berkeley; 287-9501; \$7 for one, \$12 for both lessons.

No Sweat Aerobic & Dance Studio
Tribal Bellydance with "Luna" Sundays at 10:15 a.m. & Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

Latin Rhythms with Tedje Rose Sundays 12:30 p.m. & Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. Brazilian Dance with Conceicao Sundays at 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:15 a.m. World Beat Workout by Kristi Rudolf Saturday at 11:30 a.m.; Monday at 5:30 p.m. & Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

1831 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 528-1958; \$7 - \$9.

Community Events

Nov. 21
100th Big Game Bonfire Rally; 7:30 p.m.; the game against the Stanford Cardinals, go Golden Bears!; Hearst Greek Theatre at UC Berkeley.

Nov. 22

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November Book Sale; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Friends of the Berkeley Library; book lovers looking for bargains, this is for you; South Berkeley Public Library, 1901 Russell Street corner of Russell Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Nov. 23.

Berkeley Citizens Action; 3 - 5 p.m.; Policing the Police: How should our community control our police? What should be the role of the Community Control? North Berkeley Senior Center, Hearst at Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley.

Ongoing
Buy Coffee, Rescue Animals; Mocha Lisa Espresso Bar and Cafe will donate \$1 per pound of coffee purchased to Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation through December; Vinyards Shopping Center; Willows Shopping Center in Concord; College Avenue at Alcatraz, Berkeley; 825-7724.

Moms in Community; Mothers encouraging and supporting each other to be their best, grow spiritually, intellectually and socially; Meet new people and build lasting Christian friendships; Share the joys and challenges of parenting; Relax with a great group of diverse women; Enjoy a break from the demands of daily life. Fridays 9:30-11:30. Child-care begins at 9:15 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Berkeley, 2407 Dana St. Voice mail: 848-6252 ext. 558.

Cars for a Cure; help children and adults suffering from devastating digestive diseases by donating your used car, truck or motorhome to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, Inc. (Greater Bay Area Chapter). Receive a valuable tax deduction and free towing and/or pickup. All proceeds directly benefit programs, services and research to find a cure; (415) 578-6590 or 1-800-3-AUTO-77.

Volunteers needed; Crisis support Services of Alameda County, formerly Suicide Prevention, receives nearly 50,000 calls per year and the need for motivated, committed people to serve the 24-hour crisis lines is constant. No prior experience required, training provided; 848-1515.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Care program; Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center
Nov. 20; 11 a.m.; Jackie Hetman show slides of Croatia.

Nov. 27; closed for Thanksgiving. Call for the regular weekly schedule. Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

North Berkeley Senior Center
Nov. 20; 1 p.m.; Internet Demo with Dorothy Miao.

Nov. 21; 1 p.m.; Video Opera: "Der Rosenkavalier".

Nov. 24; 1:15 p.m.; Classical Piano Concert with Steve Arnston.

Nov. 25; 10:30 a.m. Clutter Busters. Nov. 26; 10:45 a.m.; Open Discussion About the Holidays with psychotherapist Allen Grillo; Coffee Tasting sponsored by Peet's Coffee at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 27/28; closed for the holidays. 1901 Hearst at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; for more information call Maggie or Suzanne at 644-6107.

Exhibits

Nov. 21

Susan Klein Design Pre-Holiday Open Studio Trunk Show; through Nov. 23 at original designed mixed metal art jewelry; Ten bay area artist companies are contributing. 650 University Ave. Studio 4, Berkeley; 849-4994.

Ongoing
"The Louis Stein Collection: The Neighborhoods of Berkeley"; through April, 1998; a new exhibit of the Berkeley Historical Society looks at Berkeley's neighborhoods and the UC-Berkeley campus in the form of photographs and other material; Berkeley Historical Society, Veterans Memorial Building, 1931 Center St. 848-0181.

Oblations for the House of God; through Jan. 19; new paintings by Audrey Tulmire Welch; University Lutheran Chapel, 2425 College Ave., Berkeley; 843-6230.

Jewish Pictorial Carpets; through Jan. 25; carpets from the Anton Felton Collection; London; guest curator Murray Eland; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Mildred Howard Installation; through Dec. 21; Howard's first one-person show in her home town; Berkeley Art Center Association, 1275 Walnut St., 644-6897.

"Viva Corazon!"; through Dec. 2; an exhibit of quilts celebrating life and love; New Pieces, 1597 Solano Ave.; 527-6779.

"Kristallnacht"; an Installation; through Jan. 25, 1998; U.S. premier of Higuchi's crystalline piece; Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

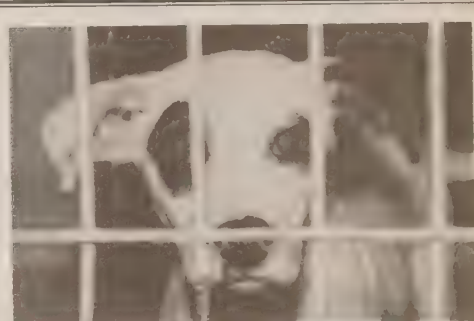
"Saving Grace"; through Jan. 25, 1998; Women Helping Women. Benefit show of contemporary sculpture by women artists; A New Leaf Gallery, 1286 Gilman St., Berkeley; 525-7621.

Art Angelico: Angelopoli in the Age of Aquarius; through November, an exhibition of paintings by Stephanos; Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, Graduate Theological Union, 2401 Ridge Road, Berkeley; 849-2030; paintings are available for purchase.

Functional Pots; through Nov. 30; Akio Takamori show his work, TRAX Gallery, 1306 Third St., Berkeley; 526-3655.

"Lookpottery"; through Nov. 30; Glenn Myles, well-known artist and

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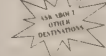
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teacher at UC-Santa Cruz; show his work; Madame's Gallery, 2748 Adeline St., Berkeley; 526-4613.

A Visit with our Elders; through Nov. 30; life sized portraits in acrylic by Joanna Katz, mixed media pictures by residents of Oakridge Care Center; Chapel House, 1309 Allston Way, Berkeley; viewing hours 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Sunday.

Texas Death Row; through Jan. 8; photographs from the book by Ken Light, essay by Suzanne Donovan; UC-Berkeley Graduate School of Journalism, Center for Photography, North Gate Hall, Hearst at Euclid.

Berkeley Watercolorists and Friends; throughout November; watercolors by Marie Gueild and Nancy de Maranville; the Berkeley Watercolorists are a group of about 40 artists who meet weekly from March to November to paint and study together; Papa's Restaurant, 2026 University Ave., Berkeley.

Journey; through Dec. 10; the Albany Arts Committee announces an exhibit of images by travel photographer David Sanger; Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany; 524-9283.

Jews/America/A Representation; through Jan. 25; from "Rabbinic Couples" to "Jews with Hogs," "Jewish Lesbian Daughters of Holocaust Survivors," to "Descendants of Levi Strauss," and celebrity portraits by French photographer Fréderic Brenner; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

Tall as Tall Buildings: The Work of Barry Simons; through Jan. 10; single color ink on paper, collage, even text; The Ames Gallery, 2661 Cedar St., Berkeley; 845-4949.

"Women Stories"; through Jan. 2; an exhibit by Impressionist Painter Regine Pressler; reception for the artist Oct. 10 - 9 p.m.; Red Oak Gallery, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-3387.

Body Decoration from Around the World; through January; an exhibit featuring tattooing, body painting and scarification from Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, North America and South America, shown in photograph, illustrations, paintings, carvings and currency; Tattoo Archive, 2804 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley; 548-5895.

Ichibysai Kunihoshi: Samurai Stories; through Dec. 28; 20 woodblock triptychs by 19th century Japanese printmaker, focus particularly on the warrior or Samurai stories and explore a nostalgia for a chivalrous past.

Ceramic Still Life; through Dec. 13; The California College of Arts and Crafts presents a survey of work by over 40 contemporary ceramic artists from throughout the United States; CCAC's Oliver Art Center at the Oakland Campus, 5212 Broadway; 594-3650.

Berkeley Art Museum
Knowledge of Higher Worlds: Rudolf Steiner's Blackboard Drawings; through Jan. 4; surprisingly contemporary drawings done by scholar and mystic Steiner over 75 years ago.

Premonition: Luc Tuymans, Drawings; through Jan. 11; one of the most highly regarded artists working in Europe today, includes over 90 works dated from the mid-70s to the present.

Bernard Maybeck Drawings; through Jan. 18, 1998; a selection of drawings from San Francisco's radical romantic architect and champion of the California Arts and Crafts movement.

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Lectures and Workshops

Nov. 20
Artist Salon; 7 p.m.; a slide presentation and a lively discussion of Gloria Tenchelev and Wendy Sussman about their painting; Berkeley Art Center in Live Oak Park, 1275 Walnut St.

Mother's Morning Out: Raising a Healthy Drug-Free Family; 10:30 a.m.; valuable information on reaching you

and your family's full inborn health potential; Solano Chiropractic, 1738 Solano Ave.; 526-8925.

Nov. 21
City Commons Club; 11:15 a.m.; Sylvia Spengler, Ph.D. from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory; "Secrets of Life: Further Progress on the Human Genome Project" Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley; lunch from 11:45 - 12:15; \$10.75/\$12.25 for lunch; \$1 admission with coffee.

Nov. 22
"Money and Spirit" A Radical New Approach; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tony D'Aguanno Ph.D. will present a series of talks, workshops, and on-going groups focusing on many issues regarding our perception of money; Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists 1606 Bonita St., Berkeley; 272-9915; \$45.

Oedipus and the Sense of Destiny; noon - 1:30 p.m.; Dr. Murray Bilmes, Ph.D.; Center for Psychological Studies; 1398 Solano Avenue, Albany.

Nov. 23
Berkeley City Club Architectural Tour; noon to 4 p.m.; Julia Morgan designed Berkeley City Club; 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley; 848-7800.

Ongoing
Reminiscent Writing as a Path to Personal Enrichment; 2 - 4 p.m.; a unique creative writing class offering a safe time and space for personal growth through recovering and writing about memories of experiences influential in our life histories; Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1606 Bonita Ave. at Cedar Street; \$75 suggested donation, no one will be denied enrollment for lack of funds; 655-5646.

Turning Point Career Center
Nov. 20; drop in support groups for job seekers and career changers; \$10 University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6375

Literary Events

Nov. 23
The Other Change of Hobbit; 1 - 3 p.m.; Peter S. Beagle, *The Rhinoceros Who Quoted Nietzsche*, and *Other Old Acquaintances*; 2020 Shattuck Avenue at University in Berkeley.

Black Oak Books
Nov. 20; 7:30 p.m.; Carter Ratcliff, *The Fate of a Gesture: Jackson Pollock and Postwar American Art*; 1491 Shattuck Ave. at Vine, Berkeley; 468-0698

GAIA Bookstore and Community Center
Nov. 21; 7:30 p.m.; Daniel Quinn, *M. Ishmael*

Nov. 22; 7:30 p.m.; Bell Hooks, *Wounds of Passion*
Nov. 23; 7:30 p.m.; Tony Lawlor, *A Home for the Soul: Dwelling with Spirit and Imagination*

Nov. 24; 7 p.m.; Senator Tom Hayden "Irish Hunger"; a slide show
Nov. 25; 7:30 p.m.; Jalaja Bonheim, *Goddesses: A Celebration in Art & Literature*

1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA.

Ongoing
WORD! a political poetry workshop; 7 - 8:30 p.m., Mondays through Nov. 24; (no classes Nov. 10); a free series for teens and adults; an exciting and supportive place to read, write, discuss poetry and grow as a poet in a political world; Berkeley Public Library, South Branch, 1901 Russell; 644-6860.

Meetings

Nov. 25
National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Chapter 1282; 1 p.m.; Albany United Methodist Church, 980 Atanage Ave. Albany.

Ongoing
Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program; 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. every Wednesday; B.O.R.P. welcomes new members to its Older Adults Program, people with disabilities who are 40 years or older join with others for social activities, fitness, excursions and fun; South Berkeley Senior Center; call Meg Stenger, 849-4663, to sign up (nominal membership fee).

McGee Avenue Toastmasters Club; 7 p.m.; every second and fourth Monday of the month; talking to yourself? McGee Toastmasters is the friendly club dedicated to improving speaking skills and building confidence; Social hall of McGee Avenue Church, 1640 Stuart St., Berkeley; James Ella James, 548-5399 for more information.

Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics; 7:30 p.m.; the group meets each first and third Thursday of the month; The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Catholics seek to affirm and to integrate sexuality and spirituality in the Christian faith through the Catholic tradition; Newman Hall, 2700 Dwight Way at College Avenue, Berkeley; Wendy, 849-3910 or Antonio at 841-7718.

Greater San Francisco Bay Area chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; second Saturday of each month; offering help, information and support to families and/or caregivers of a loved one who has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease through their support group program; St. Paul's AME Church, 2024 Ashby Ave., Berkeley; (415) 962-8111.

Toastmasters on Campus; 6:15 p.m.; practice public speaking in a supportive environment; every Tuesday; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; Odette Larde, 643-7645 (w) or Al Mangann 970-4355 (w).

TOPS; 7:15 - 8:30; Take Pounds Off Sensibly (TOPS) meets every Thursday evening; First Baptist Church, Richmond, Solano below Arlington; Betty Coates, 235-0490 for more information

TOPS; 9:30 a.m. weigh in; 10:30 a.m. meeting; Albany Chapter, meets Monday mornings; 980 Stannage Ave., Albany; 528-9056 (Paul)

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters; 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.; public speaking skills and metaphysics come together; ongoing meetings first and third Thursdays; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; 848-6510.

Berkeley Gray Panthers
Nov. 20; 2 p.m.; Housing Committee Media Committee; call Bob Purdy at 486-8010
1403 Addison St., Berkeley; 548-9696

Music

Nov. 21
Jazz at Berkeley High: Fall Concert; 7:30 p.m.; The little Theater at Berkeley High School; \$8 General, \$3 students and seniors

Nov. 22
Trinity Chamber Concert; 8 p.m.; Jewel Bleckinger sings art songs and spirituals by American Composers of African Origin with pianist Michael Orland; 2320 Dana Street Berkeley; 549-3864; \$10/\$8.

Nov. 23
The first Young People's Chamber Orchestra Concert; 4 p.m.; To be performed are original works by Mozart, Warlock, and Mendelssohn; St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley; suggested donation of \$5 for adults and \$1 for children; Ellen Mindell, 548-5473.

Ashkenaz
Nov. 20; 9 p.m. - 2 a.m.; Grateful Dead D.J. Night; \$4
Nov. 21; 9:30 p.m. Voz do Brasil featuring Liza Silva; \$8

Nov. 22; 9:30 - 11 p.m. Music; \$8
Nov. 23; 4-11 p.m. Dead Community Center, David Gans

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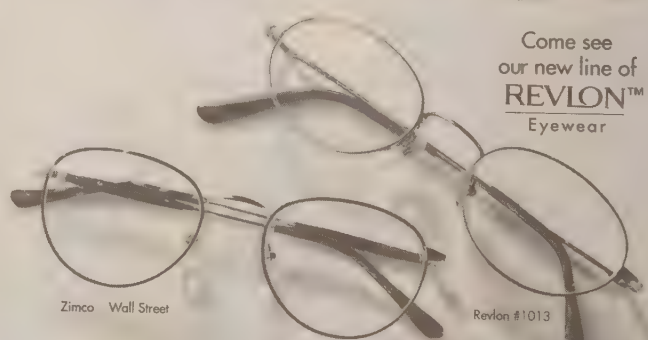
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In The Snowline

Charlie Coane

Well, who knows what El Nino will deliver our Sierra...it's all just a mess anyway. But, the skiers will be there to help the skiers and snowboarders and many areas have made some interesting improvements.

Northstar-at-Tahoe celebrates its 25th year with what they call "1972-Style." I guess I was having fun in 1972, but I can't remember! They also are opening 200 acres of new expert terrain via small group guided tours.

The Rose Ski Area is now Rose - Ski Tahoe... and I'm not sure why. Among their new deals: a lift ticket on Wednesdays for students. At Alpine Meadows, both snowboarders and skiers can play in a new halfpipe at the base of Red/Green trails and a new terrain park in the ever popular Kangaroo Trail. And, look for the much lower lift ticket prices for kids and seniors.

Diamond Peak has a new Adventure Pass at the Cross Country and Snowshoe Center: unlimited interchangeable equipment rental for snowshoes, cross country skis, skate-skiers and new all-terrain adventure skis. And Diamond Peak has a new \$29 Teen Ticket."

Dodge Ridge will give skiers and boarders a chance to preview new terrain via a snowcat. This is terrain where a new quad chair will be installed next summer.

Visitors at Squaw Valley can now pass between Gold Coast and High Camp on a new pulse lift. No skis or boards needed. And, Squaw continues to have the best deal for kids under 13: The \$5 dollar lift ticket. Night skiing is now free with a day ticket.

Heavenly has added The Tamarack Express, a six passenger lift to the top of Nevada's Dipper Express from mid-mountain on the California side.

Kirkwood adds a large hotel condominium this season, along with a new children's center.

Soda Springs now has a snow tubing and a \$15 lift ticket. And if you want to lease the area for a day...you can do that too! You'll find easier access to Sierra-at-Tahoe and a couple of new bars to quench your thirst when you get there.



NORTHSTAR-AT-TAHOE offers FREE ski and snowboard lessons daily throughout the 1997-98 season. Free 1/2 hour group lessons are for intermediate (level 6) and above skiers & snowboarders (ages 13+, lift ticket required). Free lessons depart from the summit of Mt. Pluto every hour between 10 am and 2 pm on a first-come first-served basis. Northstar also offers learn-to-ski packages that include rental equipment and lift tickets. Licensed child care, on-site lodging (some slopeside), 65 kilometers of cross-country ski trails, snowmobile tours and a European-style base village with shops, restaurants and bars enhance the appeal of the 6,000 acre resort.

— Bud Fawcett photo courtesy Northstar-at-Tahoe.

And finally, to celebrate Nic Fiore's 50th year of teaching at Yosemite... Folks 49 to 51 receive a free season pass! Just show your ID.

So what's the deal with the new shaped or "hourglass" skis anyway? Well,

I like what Geoff Curtis of Volkl Sport America has to say as a pretty good summary... "The introduction of shaped skis has been the most significant equipment development since the introduction of the plastic ski boot. The reason is simple. Shaped skis make skiing at any level easier and more fun."

Certainly the ski companies have embraced the idea, because nearly 61% of all alpine skis sold last year were "shaped." Look for that number to rise. The popularity of snowboarding put some pressure on ski manufacturers to do something...and they did. These new skis

are simply more adaptive to recreational skiers' needs. They are looking for stable, easy turning, controllable skis.

In today's impatient world people don't want to go through weeks or days of the rigid learning process of yesteryear. Bend your knees, angle the body, shift weight, hands in front, release the edges, pressure here, pressure there. Come on! People just want to have fun and get moving now. The shaped skis will help that process. Sure you'll have a learning curve, but it will be easier and quicker.

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 Nov. 20: 9:30 p.m.; Jam in the cafe UHB presents Underground Survivors, \$3
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 Nov. 22: 9:30 p.m.; Kotoja, Nigerian and American Afro-pop band; \$10
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 Nov. 20: 9:30 p.m.; Action Slacks;

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 Nov. 21: 9:45 p.m.; Allene's Birthday Party, Thumb of the Maid, Danger Wise acre \$5
 Nov. 22, 9:45 p.m.; Chuck Prophet and Paddlefoot \$6
 Nov. 26, 9 p.m. Tok & The Blunt Truth, Rule of Thumb
 3101 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley, 841-2082
Outdoors
 Nov. 20
Golden Gate Audubon Society: 7:30 p.m., "The Precarious Future of the Klammath Basin," a slide show presentation, Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley; 843-2222.
Religion
 Nov. 23
Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists: 10:30 a.m.; Family

Thanksgiving Service in songs, stories, poetry and dance. Robbie Dunbar, Coordinator. Children's religious education classes from preschool through junior high. Child care for toddlers - 1924 Cedar at Bonita Berkeley, 841-4824
Christian Science Service: 10 a.m. Annual Thanksgiving service, join us in sharing gratitude and inspiration. Sunday School for young people, Second Church of Christ, Scientist, 1521 Spruce St., Berkeley; 848-2047.
St. Alban's Episcopal Church: Semmaran Cathi Richardson, will preach; 3 p.m.; benefit concert for the Roof Fund, with Shira Kammen, Violinist, and friends
Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley: 10:45 a.m.; "Full of Thanks" led by Reverends Barbara and Bill Hamilton-Holway and Carol MacFarlane, Director of Religious Education, with Dance and Choir; 1 Lawson Road, Kensington; 525-0302.
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Seulberger, 88, is a longtime resident of the area. After retiring, she

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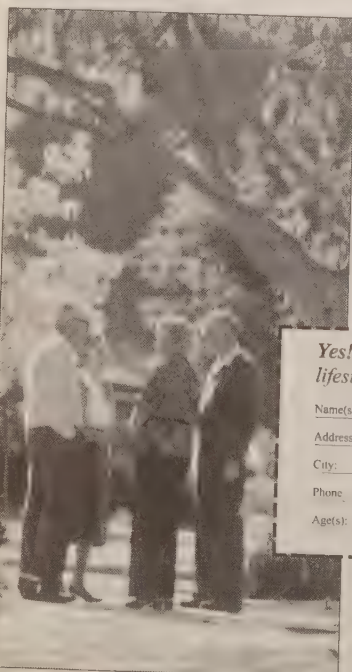
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Nov. 25: Wine Pot or Salad Bowl: Mean-
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 film series on cable channel 26.

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 Nov. 23: California OnStage, a play-
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 Nov. 20: Margaret Mead Film Festi-

val; 7 p.m.; Matamata & Pilipili with
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 Half of Allah's Heaven with short,
 Marcos' Message

Nov. 21: Andrei Konchalovsky: The
 Russian Films; 7 p.m. The First Teacher
 Aysa's Happiness (The Story of Asya
 Kailiachina who Loved but did not Marry)
 8:55 p.m.

Nov. 22: Andrei Konchalovsky: The
 Russian Films; 6:30 p.m. Siberiade

Nov. 23: An Afternoon of Tunisian
 Literature and Film; 3:30 p.m. Monia
 Hejaie Reads from Behind Closed Doors;
 5 p.m. The Silences of the Palace

Nov. 24: Margaret Mead Film Festi-
 val/Third World Cinema; 7 p.m.
 Landscapes of Memory

Nov. 25: Alternative Visions; 7:30
 p.m.; Serendipity: Recent Films

Nov. 26: Shooting Stars: Celebrity
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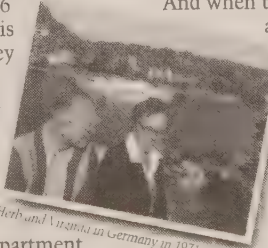
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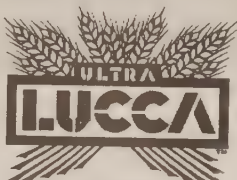
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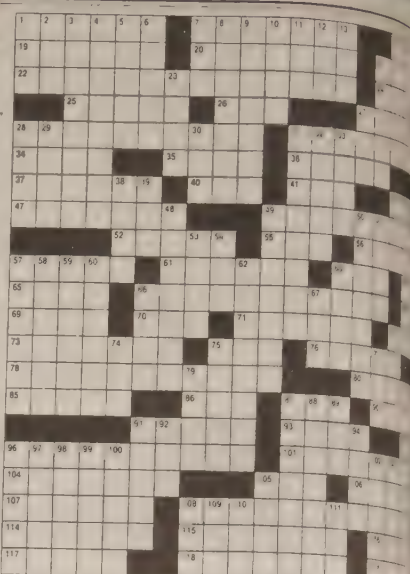
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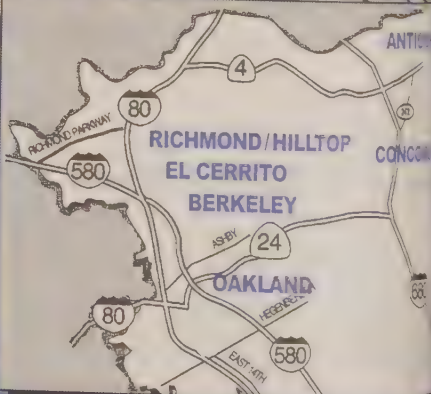


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Recovery drives apartment demand

As a stone in a pond and its ripples can have quite a wide impact, the recovery in the San Francisco Bay Area economy, which is more like a gold nugget than a stone, is creating a ripple effect of that economic event is being felt all over the region, with the greatest beneficiary in 1997 will be the East Bay. The first precious stone to arrive in the high-tech employment boom created unprecedented job growth in the previously beleaguered industry. Santa Clara County is around zero. Searching for nearby research and development facilities, the technology community gravitated first toward San Mateo County, with impacts on Palo Alto, Redwood City and Foster City. Meanwhile, the biotechnology boom in the South San Francisco area and the multimedia industry blossomed in San Francisco's south of market district. With South Bay and Peninsula housing and infrastructure all in a state of recovery, the regional recovery ripples into the East Bay in 1997 and has taken on a life of its own this year. Booming sectors in the East Bay economy include hardware and software engineering, biotechnology, telecommunications, transportation and shipping, not to mention construction. By any measure — rents, occupancy or capitalization rates — the East Bay is the strongest growth market in a decade. Moisson Investment research tracks multi-housing rental rates throughout the region. Rents are primarily influenced by location, age and unit type. Rents are up across all sectors of the market, however, newer product in the South Bay, southern

Alameda County and central Contra Costa County are leading the pack with 1997 increases in the range of fifteen percent. Moisson Investment can provide a recommendation on rent structure for any property upon request.

The turnaround in the investment market began with aggressive acquisition of institutional-quality apartment communities by regional and national Real Estate Investment Trusts.

Major players included BRE Properties, Essex Property Trust, Security Capital Pacific Trust, Bay Apartment Communities and Equity Residential Property Trust. Of about 35 Bay Area transactions of apartment communities over a hundred units in 1996, nearly 60 percent were acquired by REITs.

The rise in investment values has created the expected response from developers. While there was virtually no rental housing construction from 1992 to 1995, there are approximately 2600 units in the pipeline in Alameda and Contra Costa counties for completion in 1997-98. We expect nearly 22,600 new units by the end of the century for the greater Bay Area.

Building costs will range from \$60 to \$85 per foot in most areas, and land cost of \$30/square foot in the high-demand locations can push the total construction to much higher levels.

Of note during this development cycle is the appearance of mid-rise apartment communities which were almost unheard of during the previous boom; three or more stories with underground parking is now dictated by rising land costs, despite the higher construction cost.

There is presently a high level of liquidity in the form of relatively

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TARPOFF & TALBERT

Number 221 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

It was a most embarrassing moment. I've never lost a house key before but this one seemed to be truly gone.

An hour or so earlier I had been talking to our friend Nancy Mueller who had just listed a cabin-like house in Montclair. She was telling me that it was definitely worth the journey to the top of Broadway Terrace to see the house. "Adorable, really; you'll see, you won't be disappointed," she told me. And so, Anet and I drove to the "Top of the world" as my children call it where many of their friends live and where they frequently need to be delivered for visits.

Nancy was right. The house is quite delightful. It looks like summer cabins I have known at Tahoe and Lake County with its knotty-pine walls, softwood floors, oversized fireplace for burning huge logs and tall trees outside.

We walked around inside, commented to one another about the good staging, read the termite report and walked out the front door. Anet had the lockbox in her hand. She'd been carrying it around with her since she'd opened it and handed me the key it contained. After unlocking the door, I had put the key into the pocket of my cardigan sweater.

I reached into my pocket now and found a few business cards and a Kleenex, but the key was not there. "Oh no. Oh no," I immediately began to say. I took everything out of the pocket. I checked my other pockets. Nothing. Anet said, "It's got to be here. Maybe it fell out."

"I did use the bathroom," I said,

Does 'John' hold the key?

walking quickly there. I searched on the floor, got down on my hands and knees to look. Nothing. We walked around the house, into each room looking on the floors, on the counters.

"I heard a clink of metal while I was in the bathroom," I said quietly. "But I thought it was from the metal on my belt. The key couldn't have gone down the toilet. Could it?"

We went back to the bathroom to examine the toilet, looked inside, discussed the possibilities of its swallowing up a key.

Then we tried making the sweater pocket turn upside down to allow a key to fall out. "It just doesn't seem

They wanted to check my pockets themselves. They wanted to tell key stories too.

These are special people. They stood with us in the office talking and laughing, and they sparkled.

Terese said she'd lost a key once. She was with clients showing them several houses. They'd looked at one and were about to leave when she realized that the key which she was sure had been in her hand since they'd entered wasn't there any more.

The clients helped her look but the key had disappeared. Terese couldn't leave the house unlocked but she didn't want to hold up her clients

in the yard.

There were other stories of being locked outside on decks when doors blew closed behind agents and clients. I remembered once being unable to relock a door when I was leaving, trying and trying and finally calling my office from a neighbor's house. "Please come and help me." I prevailed upon another agent. "I can't get this door locked and I can't leave until I do."

Joan went over again what had happened to this latest key. She checked for holes in my pockets, noted that the Kleenex was on top and should have kept the key safe. It was unlikely that the toilet flushed the key away — not enough force, she thought. She was sure that when we returned to the house we'd find the key just sitting there.

These wonderful warm, very human women made me feel so good. They weren't telling me what a dumb thing I'd done. They said it could happen to anyone. And they said "It's so good to see you both. Why don't you find a reason to come see us more often."

We drove back to the house and looked around again but we didn't find the key. We said that this house certainly has a good toilet.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoft are licensed agents and area specialists who also offer hourly real estate consulting and coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

It was unlikely that the toilet flushed the key away — not enough force, she thought.

possible that it was flushed," Anet said. "The key would be too heavy wouldn't it?"

Then she said, "This is hilarious."

"I don't think it's funny."

"But think about it. What are the chances of this happening?" she laughed.

"Yeah, I guess so. But the key is gone. Thank goodness the house is vacant," I said, "and that it is Nancy's listing."

Anet called Nancy from the car. Nancy wasn't there but there was an extra key in the office. We could go get it, make a copy, return the office key and bring the new one back to the house.

We drove to Berkeley Hills Realty on Solano Ave. with Anet exclaiming and laughing. "Amazing. You couldn't have done this if you'd planned it. Hee hee hee." I didn't laugh.

When we got to Berkeley Hills Realty, Nancy was there. So were other friends of ours, Maya Trilling, Terese Ashman and Joan Brunwick. They wanted to know the whole story.

either. She had to find that key. She told her clients that she needed a few minutes alone to think. She sat down in the living room and went over in her mind everything she'd done in that house. She was able then to go directly to the spot where the key was.

Nancy told about losing a key once that was found by a most gracious listing agent who, when she heard there was a problem, went immediately to the house to help search. The key had fallen in between some deck-

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Despite our need to save for retirement more than ever before, all of us have cheated ourselves at one time or another by scrimping on our savings. *Business Week* recently noted that the U.S. personal savings rate has fallen over the past 20 years, from 8 percent then to around 4 percent today.

Two of the biggest ways you can cheat yourself out of retirement success are undersized retirement plan contributions and early withdrawals:

Undersized Contributions

Whether you have a 401(k), 403(b), IRA, SEP-IRA or a combination of these plans, you should not ignore the savings power they can provide. As just one example, let us say you are 35 years old and earning \$40,000 per year.

If you consistently contribute 6 percent of your salary (\$2,400) to your 401(k) plan and your investments grow 8 percent annually, you could accumulate more than \$293,600 by the time you reach age 65.

However, if you contribute 10 percent of your salary (\$4,000) and earn 8 percent annually, you could accumulate more than \$489,300—a 67 percent difference! While this example does not reflect any specific investment, it does illustrate the advantages of a higher contribution rate.

Early Withdrawals

Just as small contributions can hamper your retirement account's bottom line, so can early withdrawals. Some investors may think they can use their IRAs or 401(k)s as "parking places" for their money, retrieving some of it when they need cash. However, these withdrawals not only have big tax bills and IRS penalties attached to them, they also detract from your tax-deferred growth potential.

Using the previous example, consider the following scenario: let's say you decide you need \$10,000 for home improvements. After investing in your 401(k) for the past 10 years, you decide to pull the cash from there. In doing so, you would have made a withdrawal before age 59 and a half and would incur a 10 percent IRS tax penalty.

You also would have to pay income taxes on that withdrawal (let's assume you are in the 28 percent tax bracket).

In order to end up with \$10,000 in hand after taxes and penalties, you would actually have to with-

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draw \$16,129 from your account. But perhaps the bigger harm you would incur is not the tax bill but the lack of growth potential you would be denying your retirement account.

By making that onetime, \$16,129 withdrawal from your account, you actually could be denying your account more than \$75,000 by the time you reach age 65.

The moral of the story is simple: the "small" amount of money you take away from your retirement account today could be the very large amount of money you will not have for your retirement in the future.

So before you decide to make that next withdrawal, you may want to find out how badly you could be cheating yourself at the retirement game.

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Rent control in the courts

By H. W. Moss

Rent control is a fact of life in most major cities in California. At least ten communities have enacted some form of regulation on rent including Los Angeles, Palm Springs, San Jose and West Hollywood.

But court challenges continue. Three current cases provide an example of how rent ordinances are being contested. Since all rent control takes some rights away from the landlord and property rights are fundamental in this country, constitutionality has become a central issue.

That was brought into focus last month when rent control advocates lost a ruling, "152 Valparaiso Associates v. City of Cotati." The state Supreme Court upheld a lower court decision that said landlords have a valid point: If it can be shown that rent control does not help those it is supposed to help, actually hurts them, then rent control may be an illegal taking of private property, a violation of Article V of the U. S. Constitution.

Waiting in the wings to be heard by the same court is "Santa Monica Beach vs. Santa Monica," which parallels arguments in the Cotati case. There, the landlord petitioned for capital improvements, was denied, and brought suit for compen-

sation and takings, arguing the city took his money but the program is a failure.

And in "Bailey A. Jones vs. City of Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board," the annual \$112 per unit registration fee is under challenge. In addition, Jones uses the same statistical arguments found in Cotati and Santa Monica to argue unconstitutionality.

All three cases cite census data that was statistically analyzed by the Berkeley firm, Michael St. John and Associates. Jones has not fared well in court, according to Berkeley Rent Board staff attorney Brian Kelly. Jones has 18 rental units and the rents allowed under the ordinance are higher than the rents he can actually get. He contested the annual fee paid to the rent board to cover the cost of enforcing the rent ordinance.

"The rents allowed under the rent ordinance are more than market for him," Kelly explained. So Jones argued the rent ordinance is not serving its purpose with regard to his property and therefore it should be declared unconstitutional. Jones also claimed low income and elderly households have decreased and the ordinance is not serving the

people it is designed to help. Jones lost in Superior Court, appealed to the First District where the case was reversed. He is looking at the state Court for review, according to Kelly. The Supreme Court will review the Santa Monica case. There, the landlord won at Superior Court, won at appellate level and the city appealed. So far, all the legal maneuvering to actually trying it will now be heard before the state lot's been done, but its position now is it's going to trial, said.

The argument that was made in Cotati is the use of this census data to show that a rent enabling legislation, the reason why rent control was enacted, is not being filled. If that turns out to be the case, then the legislation is unconstitutional and landlords may be due compensation for their economic loss.

For example, the Berkeley ordinance states in part, "The ordinance is designed to stabilize the city of Berkeley's housing market."

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low-cost mortgage debt. Long-term fixed rate debt can now be placed below 7.5 percent, which is less than variable rate loans in many circumstances.

Loan-to-value ratios are in the 70 to 75 percent range, with higher

leverage available within the confines of conservative debt coverage ratios. With the advent of mortgage securitization, there are more sources than ever to source and secure attractive leverage for multi-housing investments.

In addition to improving invest-

ment fundamentals, we are also fortunate to enjoy the lowest capital gains tax rate in memory. The basic rate has been reduced to 20 percent from 28 percent for long-term investments.

While most investors still use the tax-deferred exchange to restructure their portfolio, some are opting to cash out of their management-intensive assets and incur a taxable event at the lower rate.

Moison Investment Company has been a market-maker in larger apartment communities before and during the present recovery. Our

ability to bring national exposure to San Francisco Bay Area investment opportunities, and the East Bay in particular, has been greatly enhanced with the new Moison Investment office in San Leandro.

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Healthy economy keeps rates stable

On Nov. 14 Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey showed that the nationwide average for the 30-year fixed rate mortgage stood at 7.23 percent down one basis point from last week's average of 7.24 percent.

In the second week of November 1996, the 30-year fixed rate mortgage averaged 7.59 percent.

The average start-rate for the one-year Treasury-indexed adjustable rate mortgages (ARMS) averaged 5.53 this week, up five basis points from last week's average of 5.48 percent.

A year ago the average start rate for the one-year ARM stood at 5.52 percent.

This week's average for 15-year fixed-rate mortgages, a popular option in the refinance market fell to 6.78, down 2 basis points from last week's 6.80 percent.

This time last year this rate averaged 7.11 percent.

"Since no action on the part of the Federal Reserve was expected, and no action was taken, interest rates remain stable in the 7.25 percent range," said Frank Nothaft, deputy chief economist at Freddie Mac. "With interest rates so low and unemployment at record lows, the present economic climate continues to be a good time for home buying and selling. Present mortgage rates make housing more affordable and open to a larger number of families." Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Congress in 1970 to create a continuous flow of funds to mortgage lenders.

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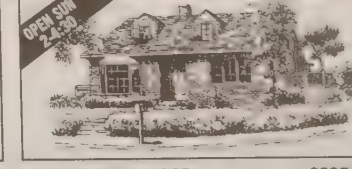
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Moss...

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and to advance the housing policies of the city with regard to low and fixed income persons, minorities, students, handicapped and the aged."

Michael St. John, a consultant specializing in property management regulations, prepared the census data cited in all three cases. In 1993, St. John wrote a study called "Rent Control in Perspective" — a before and after comparison of the number of elderly, disabled persons, minorities, single parents, low income households and students in two cities, Berkeley and Santa Monica, during the decade between 1980 and 1990. In 1994 he wrote the Cotati Supplement cited in that case.

"My analysis showed it is not at all clear that rent control helps the people it's supposed to help," St. John said. "In fact, there is considerable evidence that shows just the opposite." St. John found that the number of single female heads of household dropped 27 percent in Berkeley during that decade.

"But in all other jurisdictions we examined, 10 similar sized cities in Northern California, the incidence rose," he said. This means single women with children were not getting the apartments, were not moving into apartments as they became available. The statistics also demonstrated there has been a loss of low income renters and elderly renters.

"If it's true that rent control does not help and actually harms the same groups targeted for assistance, then the courts seem to be saying rent control is illegal," he said. On the other hand, St. John's analysis indirectly turned up a good statistic about discriminatory rental practices.

'If there are housing problems ... they should not be laid solely on the landlord's back.'

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"But not minorities," said St. John. "We don't see a pattern on the issue of ethnicity and rent control. What that means is landlords are not discriminating on the basis of ethnicity or national origin."

The Supreme Court decision allowing the Cotati case to stand means these statistics may now be used by other rent control challenges.

Although the Cotati case could be appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court, absent such an appeal the decision suggests that landlords may be entitled to compensation for losses caused by local rent control ordinances.

"The argument is that it (rent control) does not advance its legitimate government purpose based on the preambles to most rent control laws," said Mike Sandel of Sandelco Property Management and chairman of the Rent Control Project sponsored by the California Apartment Association.

"If there are housing problems out there it is a societal problem and society as a whole ought to take care of it. It should not be laid solely on the landlord's back," Sandel said.

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The loan process from start to finish

One of the first things our clients want to know is, "How long is this loan process going to take?" Many remember the refinancing madness of 1993 when appraisers were backed up two to three weeks and lenders were so overwhelmed that what should have been a two- to four-week process turned into a mega-month nightmare. With interest rates dropping again, we in the industry believe we may be more prepared. You, as the borrower, should expect the following life cycle of the average loan.

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a minimum of five business days for the verifications to be returned. This is one of the reasons the alternate documentation is so important. If we can get a three-day turn around on the appraisal, we can literally submit the loan without the verifications.

Step three: loan submitted to lender. Business days 11 to 13. Depending on the lender, underwriting time can be anywhere from 24 to 72 hours before we get a conditional loan approval.

Step four: conditional loan approval. Business days 14 to as many as 20 depending on the level of ap-

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proval. Suspense, or prior-to-approval conditions, must be met before the lender will continue underwriting the loan. Prior-to-documentation ("prior-to-docs") conditions must be met before the lender will draw the documents. If the conditions that must be met are prior to funding the loan (without prior-to-docs or suspense conditions), the loan moves along even faster.

Step five: satisfaction of loan conditions. Business days 21 to 24. Once we collect the conditions the lender will sign them off your conditional loan approval.

Step six: loan documents ("docs") ordered. Business day 25. If the rate for loan has not been already locked in, it is now done and the lender draws the loan documents. Most lenders have docs out in 24

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hours, while some, if extremely backed up will take up to 72 hours.

Step seven: sign documents at title company: Business day 27. You will meet with the escrow officer to sign your paperwork. Usually this is done at the title company's office. In some cases there are title representatives who will come to your home or office (or hospital room) to sign the papers: "Have notary, will travel!" These same people will double check to make sure all of the prior to funding conditions have been met. The usual outstanding condition is insurance information for the lender.

Step eight: funding the loan: Business day 28 to 30. If this is a purchase transaction, funding can happen once the lender receives the loan package back from title. If it is a refinance, then there is a mandatory three-day right of rescission. This is your 72-hour cooling off period where you have the opportunity to reconsider the loan. This is not the time to cancel the loan because you feel you can get a better rate or program because that will mean starting completely over with another lender. That decision must be made

before the loan documents are

Step nine: record and escrow. Business day 31. This is the favorite part. After all the anxiety, the lender asking for more documentation (wonder if they're going to want your first-born son), it's over! Your payments on time.

Loans can and do close in less than 31 days. The fastest we closed a refinance was in 24 days, a purchase in several days. The majority of our clients need the additional time to evaluate a new loan or to float the rate window of opportunity — the very lowest fixed-interest rate. Hopefully, understanding the cycle of the loan process will help you from driving you into mortgage madness.

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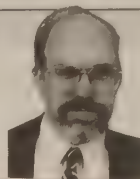
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MARK A. WILSON

The gilded uplands

In 1910, just three months after it's incorporation as a city, Piedmont had no fewer than thirty-two millionaires among its residents, giving it the highest per capita income level of any community of similar size in the United States. This remarkable fact helps explain the unusually high number of grand residences in Piedmont, many of them truly palatial, which so impress the first-time visitor.

This hilly community was first settled in 1852, when the Blair brothers purchased a tract of land from the Peralta family. The tract ran below Highland Ave., roughly between Oakland Ave., Grand Ave., and Dracena Park. The Blairs used the tract for cattle ranching, dairy farming, and rock quarrying; much of the old red-rock surfacing used for the early Rd.-beds throughout the East Bay came from their quarries.

The Piedmont Springs Hotel was the next significant development in the area. It was built between 1868 and 1870 on the hot springs in what

is now Piedmont Park, just east of the current high school. Mark Twain and Bret Harte were only two of the many prominent guests who visited the hotel in its heyday, to relax in its hot springs and enjoy the sweeping vista of the Bay Area that its hilltop setting offered. There were several fires at the hotel, and in 1893 it burned for the last time and went out of business.

In the 1870s and 80s, the hill-sides of what was then considered an eastern "suburb" of Oakland began sprouting scattered settlements by pioneer residents. Among them was a Mr. Worcester, who built the first brown shingle house in the Bay Area between 1876 and 1878. Although you can still find it at 575 Blair Ave., the Worcester cottage was altered beyond recognition in later years.

Other early residents of the Piedmont hills were the Craig and Wetmore families. Their Victorian-era homes still stand nearly intact today. The Charles Wetmore House at 342 Bonita Ave. was built in

After exploring Piedmont's hillside streets, it's easy to see why most residents consider this community the perfect place to live.

1878. It is a prime example of a Stick-Eastlake cottage, and is the oldest extant home in Piedmont.

The Wetmore House is on the National Register of Historic Places, partly because Charles Wetmore founded the first commercially successful winery in California, Cresta Blanca Winery, while living here in 1882. The Craig House at 55 Craig Ave. is a Stick-Eastlake style home that was moved to its current site in 1911, and is the second oldest extant residence in Piedmont.

In the 1890s and early 1900s, residential development began on a modest scale along Oakland Ave., and the side streets between Hillside and Highland avenues were subdivided as residential lots and sold off. The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906 brought an influx of prominent families into Piedmont from across the Bay. These were people who had spent pleasant summers in the Piedmont hills, and who

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Oakland's One-Stop Capital Shop (OSCS) provides a series of free and low-cost small-business developmental workshops available to the public on an ongoing basis. These workshops are geared for small and midsize business entrepreneurs. Join OSCS on Thurs. Nov. 20 for the workshop the **One-Page Business Plan** and the **SCORE Import/Export Workshop**. The free workshop **Business Planning**

For Success is scheduled for Tues., Nov. 25. Business coaches are available for one-on-one counseling. For more information about these and other workshops, call 238-3703.

The nonprofit Building Education Center (BEC), 812 Page St., Berkeley is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., Nov. 22 the center presents **Interior Plastering** with Art Guerrero Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

Over 100 Berkeley artisans invite you to their **Annual Holiday Open Studios**. Visit these talented artists and craftspeople at their studios concentrated in South and West Berkeley Saturdays and Sundays Nov. 29 and 30, Dec. 6 and 7, 13 and 14, and 20 and 21. Choose from among creations that include ceramics, ornaments, lamps, blown glass, shardwork, sculpture, dolls and jewelry. To obtain a map to this free self-guided tour send a self-addressed-stamped envelope to 1250 Addison St. #214, Berkeley 94702 or stop by that same address. Call 845-2612 anytime for information on other map distribution points.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority presents a free **Basic Composting Workshop**,

from 2 to 4 p.m., Sun. Dec. 7 (rain or shine) at the Oakland Compost Demonstration Garden, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center Building in Oakland. Learn how to compost yard and kitchen waste and transform trash into fertilizer. Call 444-SOIL for more information.

Red Oak Gallery hosts an exhibition by **El Cerrito artist Regine Pressler**. Her collection "Women Series" will be on exhibit through Jan. 2. To enjoy a sample of her work without leaving home, log onto Red Oak Realty's Web site: www.redoakrealty.com. Call 527-3387 for more information.

Join University of California pathologist Dr. Robert Raabe from 9 a.m. to noon the first Sat. of every month for a free **Sick Plant Clinic** at the UC Botanical Gardens, 200 Centennial Dr. in Berkeley. Drop in with a piece of a sick or a dying plant and Dr. Raabe will diagnose the problem. Call 643-2755 or garden@uclink4.berkeley.edu for more information.

Russell Doi of the Mortgage Network hosts free **First Time Homebuyer Seminar** on an ongoing basis. Learn about the many first-time homebuyer programs available today. Find out just how much home you can afford to buy. Receive a free booklet that will help you prepare for the biggest investment you may ever make. Call 526-6554 to make reservations.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity with a Proven Product**. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan program to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 for times and places in your area.

The **Orchid Society of California** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase or-

chid plants at the member sale before the meeting. Orchid lovers share their knowledge, provide plants for a raffish camaraderie and learn about the beautiful world of orchids. Call 1210 for more information.

The **Golden Gate Cymid Society** meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wed. of each month at Lake Merritt Garden Center, Bellevue Ave., Oakland. A sale is featured before the meeting, affording you the opportunity to purchase quality cymbidiums. These meetings feature expert speakers from around world with slides and valuable tips on cymbidiums. Attend this meeting and learn how to grow and these beautiful plants. Call 1210 for more information.

For inclusion in Events information to Dennis Evans, Real Estate Editor, Hills Publications, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619. Phone: 339-4047. Fax: 4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

Tax seminars are on agenda

The economic impact of the 1997 Tax Relief Act on homeowners will be the subject of a series of free seminars sponsored by Coldwell Banker featuring real estate industry educator Dennis McKenzie. These seminars will run from Dec. 1 to 5.

The newly enacted legislation enables homeowners to sell principal residences every two years without paying taxes on capital gains up to \$500,000 for married couples and \$250,000 for singles. McKenzie's seminar will cover economic strategies and tips on maximizing profits and avoiding pitfalls of the new enactment.

Real estate editor for textbook publisher Prentice Hall, McKenzie has an MBA and a Masters Degree in economics. He is also an accomplished public speaker known for a presentation style that is humorous, relaxed and yet packed with crucial information, says Dianne James, director of education for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

Northern California.

"New tax law changes may dramatically alter how homeowners view their homes, creating an entire segment of people who are highly mobile," McKenzie said. In fact McKenzie sees a cottage industry developing among homeowners who every two years purchase, improve and resell downtrodden properties to reap the tax-free profits. "We could see those who are especially skilled, quitting their jobs and creating a tax-free full time employment," McKenzie says.

At the same time, however, there are pitfalls associated with the legislation, McKenzie warns. Losses on the sale of a home will not be tax deductible. Some homeowners selling higher-end trade up homes may

see demand diminish as there is no longer a tax incentive for sellers to purchase bigger homes. At the same time, California homes may become veritable cash cows for baby boomers.

"We may see these individuals moving to low cost areas, possibly out of California or either to retire or try their hand at something new, while living of the proceeds of the sale of their California homes," McKenzie says. At the very least, home sellers can take their time before buying another home, as there is no longer the old 24-month trade-up rule, McKenzie explains.

For more information about these seminars, please call a Coldwell Banker office near you or (800) 464-4292.

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mained a "city of homes", in the
sense of the phrase. Almost
no commercial or multi-unit devel-
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tury grandeur to the world. To stroll
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nity today is to glimpse a bit of
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A good place to begin an archi-
tectural tour of Piedmont's man-
sions is at the corner of Crocker and
Farragut avenues. At 200 Crocker
Ave. is the Reed House, designed in
1926 by Julia Morgan in Italian
Renaissance style. The unusual oc-
tagonal entry wing is framed by a
traditional Renaissance double stair-
case (or esplanade), and enhanced
by a curved pediment atop the por-
tico gracing the front door, and dia-
mond-paned windows above the
entrance.

Up the street at 62 Farragut Ave.
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tial designs in the Bay Area. Built in
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Hall" after the English manor house

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cated handling of the multiple slop-
ing gables, the window treatment,
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Around the next corner at 246
Seaview Ave. is the Ayer House,
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This eclectic half-timbered house
mixes Tudor and German medieval
elements on its finely crafted wood
and stucco detailing. At 216 Hamp-
ton Rd., at the intersection with
Seaview Ave., is yet another Julia
Morgan design, the Walter Starr
House. Built in 1911 to 1912, this
two-story stucco home is basically
in Mediterranean style, with unique
Moorish "onion domed" wooden
tracery on the main windows.

A block away at 320 Hampton
Rd. is a very fine example of a
Spanish-Colonial style house. Built

about the early 1920s this ornate
home has a round corner turret with
wrought iron grillwork around the
windows, and a superb, carved-
stone, Spanish-Baroque style en-
trance portal. At 370 Hampton Rd.
stands a charming sixteenth-cen-
tury French chateau-style house,
designed circa 1925 by Albert Farr.
It sports rounded turrets at either
end, fine metal grillwork, and deli-
cate Gothic tracery along its pastel
stucco exterior.

Across the street at 401 Hamp-
ton Rd. is the impressive William
St. Cyr Cavalier House. Designed
circa 1925 by Albert Farr, Piedmont's
premier Period Revival architect,
this is one of the largest Mediter-
ranean style homes in the
East Bay. It has fitted-stone arches
around the front doorway, and re-
fined Renaissance-style detailing
across the facade.

A couple of blocks up the hill at
17 Sotelo Ave. is the deceptively
modest-looking Frank Buck House.
This excellent example of a Geo-
rgan Period Revival mansion was

designed in 1924 by Albert Farr for
a prominent banker and state sena-
tor from California. (no relation to
the Frank Buck of "Bring 'em Back
Alive" fame). The front entrance
facing Sotelo Ave. has an unassum-
ing Georgian-style facade, complete
with dormer windows along the
roof, clapboard siding, shuttered
windows with wooden latticing, and
a small pediment portico.

But when the Frank Buck House
is seen from the rear of its steeply
sloping lot along Glen Alpine Rd.,
one notices a breathtaking, three-
story, Southern Greek-Revival style
porch with Egyptian papyrus-leaf
capitals on its massive columns.
When Frank Buck moved out of the
house in 1940, it was bought by
Charles Lee Tilden, for whom
Tilden Park was named. Tilden's
widow occupied the house until
1976, and after a period of vacancy
and neglect, it was lovingly restored
by its new owners in the late 1970s.

At 23 Sotelo Ave. can be seen
the rear portion of the Dean Witter
House, designed by the architec-
tural firm of Williams and Westal
in 1930. A genuine cobblestone
driveway leads up to this refined

example of a late medieval, Nor-
mandy-Revival style manor house,
built for the founder of the invest-
ment firm of Dean Witter and Com-
pany. The house is distinguished by
its use of authentic materials, such
as the slate roof and fitted-stone
walls, and the very solid craftsman-
ship of the detailing around the doors
and windows.

A half block further up this steep
St., at 75 Glen Alpine Rd., (the St
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around near its crest) is the Dawson
House. This imposing yet lovely
example of an eighteenth-century,
Louis XV-style French chateau was
designed in 1924 by Albert Farr.
The slate roof and three-story, white
stone facade are impressively set
off by two massive stone entrance
pillars curved driveway, and a
woodsy, terraced lot with meticu-
lously maintained landscaping.

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be found in the Sweetland Manor
House, which looms over its expan-
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signed in 1927 by the Oakland ar-
chitect Frederick H. Reimers and

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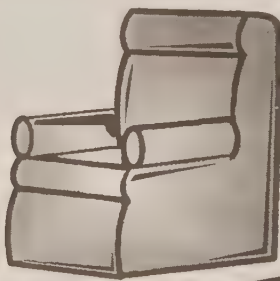
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Wilson... Making sense of those prelims

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Q: What is a preliminary report?

A. A preliminary report is a report prepared prior to issuing a policy of title insurance that shows the ownership of a specific parcel of land, together with the liens and encumbrances thereon which will not be covered under a subsequent title insurance policy.

Q: What role does a preliminary report play in the real estate process?

A. A preliminary report contains the conditions under which the title company will issue a particular type

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Q: When and how is the preliminary report produced?

A. Shortly after escrow is opened, an order will be placed with the title company which will then begin the process involved in producing the report.

This process calls for the assembly and review of certain recorded matters relative to both the property and the parties to the transaction. Examples of recorded matters include a deed of trust recorded against the property or a lien recorded against the buyer or seller for an unpaid court award or unpaid taxes.

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Q: What should I look for when reading my preliminary report?

A. You will be interested, primarily, in the extent of your ownership rights. This means you will want to review the ownership interest in the property you will be buying as well as any claims, restrictions or interests of other people involving the property.

The report will note in a statement of vesting the degree, quantity, nature and extent of the owner's interest in the real property. The most common form of interest is "fee simple" or "fee" which is the highest type of interest an owner can have in land.

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In addition to the limitations noted above, a printed list of standard exceptions and exclusions listing items not covered by your title insurance policy may be attached as an exhibit item to your report. Unlike the numbered exclusions, which are specific to the property you are buying, these are standard exceptions and exclusions appearing in title insurance policies. The review of this section is important, as it sets forth matters which will not be covered under your title insurance policy, but which you may wish to investigate, such as governmental laws or regulations governing building and zoning.

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Q: Is a preliminary report the same thing as title insurance?

A. Definitely not.

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ments relating to the preliminary report is a statement of conditions of the title insurance policy as represented as to the title.

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Dogwood makes ideal tree

By Buzz Bertolero

Q. I'm considering buying a dogwood tree and would value your input about the best choice for my location. I would like a prolific tree with large, snow white flowers, reaching about 15 high for a partially shaded area, that is disease resistant and has fall color.

Which of the following would be most suitable? Cornus Florida or Cornus hybrid "Eddie's White Wonder" and can you tell me anything about Cornus Kousa group? Are they more shrub-like than

Dogwoods are an excellent choice for the Oakland hills.

tree-like? Are the Cornus Nuttallii better suited for my location, since they are native, or do they do better in the Sierras?

A: Dogwoods are an excellent choice for the Oakland Hills. My only concern is the fall color isn't that spectacular. Cornus Florida is the best variety for most home gardens as it will tolerate summer irrigation and grow 15 feet or under.

Which is the best variety is your call. They all are very colorful when in bloom. Cornus Kousa is more like a large shrub than a tall

tree. It will reach 20 feet tall and are the latest blooming dogwood flowering around June and July in the Bay Area.

The native dogwoods do not adapt to any garden that receives a lot of summer water as they will rot. Also, they are the largest growing reaching 20 to 30' high.

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Second thoughts on parquet

By Don Pearman

Parquet floors—icck! Although I love wood floors and all the details about them—the old beautiful, intricate borders and the deep rich finishes—I have never seen a parquet floor that I have liked, that is until now.

For many years I have joked with clients that "we do everything but hardwood floors." However, recently, when one of my clients asked me to do a parquet floor for her new house, I agreed and began doing my usual exhaustive research on the subject.

Since her old house already had a white oak parquet floor, she wanted one just like it for the new house. However, she was having a difficult time finding quality parquet flooring materials. In her old house, the parquet had been 3/4" thick and 11-1/4" white oak squares.

Since the '60s, when the original parquet floor was installed, many of the companies that manufacture parquet flooring materials stopped doing so. Information about white oak being unavailable, she was getting quotes for red oak, which is not as hard as white oak and not the color she wanted. She was disappointed in the materials she was seeing, as was I.

Parquet flooring is made from five 2-1/2" wide by 11-1/4" long by 3/4" thick strips of wood that are glued together side by side, all five pieces ideally being cut from the same five-foot wood strip.

In the manufacturers' samples my client was seeing, no two pieces came out of the same board, and the grain and color did not match at all well. The samples showed her that parquet now available was just not adequate for her requirements, and we decided that my workers should make the parquet squares as well as install them.

In the normal course of our work, we do a lot of woodworking, so I decided to look into what kind of wood was available to use to make parquet blocks. A type of wood being used for flooring called Mirabau was recommended to me. We would be able to order what was necessary to make the blocks, or we could take five cuts out of one board, thus having the same grain for all five pieces for one square.

I thought the Mirabau was also better-looking than oak and a little bit darker in color, giving the floor a more custom appearance. Mirabau is also harder and denser than the red oak flooring, making it more resistant to denting and damage from foot traffic and furniture movement.

I figured that we could cut the Mirabau into five sections with our chop-saw, glue and clamp it and, when it was dry, and cut it to the proper dimensions. I had two knives made for my shaper, one to cut the grooves and one to cut the tongues for the sides of each block of parquet. Of course, the plan was for the tongues to match the grooves and it all would fit together perfectly when the floor was laid out.

Everything went fairly smoothly and swiftly, although the wood was harder than we had anticipated and it took more effort to shape the tongues and grooves as we wanted.

When enough 11-1/4" parquet squares were made to finish the job, and a few leftover for extra, we put all the squares of flooring in the area where they would be installed to acclimate to the temperature of the house. This would help prevent shrinkage or expansion problems later on.

The squares would be stable when we glued them down to the subfloor. It was also important to sand the subfloor to remove any accidental spills from the painters or plasterers so as to get a good bond between the parquet and the subfloor.

After the squares had acclimated for two weeks, we ran the blocks through a planer to dress the surface and to get them to a uniform thickness. The next item on the agenda was the installation.

In her old house, my client had had the original parquet squares installed in a straight line from one side of the room to the other. I suggested installing the ones in the new house on a 45 degree angle. This would take a little more work in installation but would make a much more dramatic floor than a straight 90 degree installation.

I also recommended installing something which she had not had in the original floor, a three-strip border using a straight piece, a smaller darker accent strip, and one more straight piece next to the walls be-

fore starting the parquet squares for the main part of the floor.

Part of the reason for only using three strips for the accent border was that we were going to have demarcation strips between the living room and the dining area and between the dining area and the area off the kitchen. When the demarcation borders came together in these areas, we ended up with two accent strips and six straight pieces. If we had used a wider border, the demarcation areas would have been too wide.

Steve, my main woodworker, was a little intimidated by the prospect of installing these parquet squares. I kind of joked with him that it seemed to me that all of the intricate paneling, moldings, windows, cabinets that we do quite frequently are more complicated than the floor.

I figured that if we could find the right person to do the work of finishing the floor—a complicated and multistep process—he could work a couple of days with my man until he felt comfortable installing the parquet. We found Alex to do this job, and he turned out to be just the man we were looking for.

After a couple of days with Alex's help, Steve felt like an old hand. Alex helped Steve put the parquet squares in, then he went away and Steve finished installing the parquets, feeling as competent as Alex and proud of having devised a few techniques that improved on Alex's methods for installation.

After the floor had been installed and had again acclimated, Alex returned to sand, putty, and coat the parquet floor with a clear finish, a complicated and painstaking process.

The floor is now finished and it looks spectacular. I love this parquet floor so much that I want to install one just like it in my own house. Using squares made by my workers will also be about 20 percent less expensive than buying the not-as-well-made parquet squares from a manufacturer.

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Enjoy lakeside luxury



Finely appointed interiors add to the richness that the views of Lake Merritt and the Francisco Bay provide at Park Bellevue Tower.

At Park Bellevue Tower on beautiful Lake Merritt, a limited number of customized three- and four-bedroom luxury penthouses are available, priced from \$439,000 to \$575,000.

These elegant showcase homes offer up to 2,150 square feet of luxurious living space and up to four full baths. Panoramic window walls provide abundant natural light and afford unparalleled views of Lake Merritt, the East Bay hills and the San Francisco Bay.

"No matter where you are in these penthouses, you have a fantastic view," says Kim Miller, sales representative at Park Bellevue Tower.

Each distinctive and spacious home also features stylish architectural touches and a graciously appointed gourmet kitchen with a complete appliance package.

Homeowners may select from a variety of custom finishes and materials at the on-site design

center. Penthouse buyers may further personalize their new home by working with their architect to modify room configurations to meet their own specifications.

Park Bellevue Tower also offers one- and two-bedroom floorplans. One-bedroom, two-bath plans offer up to 1,069 square feet of living space and are priced from just \$141,500. Two-bedroom, two-bath plans offer up to 1,284 square feet of living space and are priced from \$240,000.

Park Bellevue Tower's combination of on-site and community amenities and affordable price are unmatched in the Bay Area. "Homebuyers are impressed with what we're offering here at Park Bellevue Tower for a fraction of the cost of a comparable home in San Francisco," says Miller. "And they are assigned parking in our indoor garage, whereas in the City, that's not always the case."

Exceptional amenities extend throughout Park Bellevue Tower's

26 stories. The sixth floor features a heated indoor pool and lounge, a fully equipped fitness center, men's and women's locker rooms, a large clubhouse, and bar facilities for social and private gatherings. A 24-hour doorman staffs the marble lobby that looks out over scenic Lake Merritt.

Park Bellevue Tower is conveniently located less than half mile from I-580 with access to the Bay Bridge, I-80 and Highway 24 (BART) AC Transit.

The popular shopping, entertainment and dining in Piedmont Avenue, College Avenue, Grand Avenue, Lakeside and Jack London Square, the employment centers of town Oakland are just minutes away.

The furnished model

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

- 6066 MAZUELA DR.**, 6bd/4 1/2ba, gourmet kit, bay & canyon vistas
Prudential CA Realty 845-0200 Barbara Hopper 273-9361 \$925,000
- 1474 GRANDVIEW**, Claremont Hills, nw 3+bd/3+ba, nw price, vws
Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460 \$875,000
- 6054 MAZUELA DR.**, Montclair Valle Vista, 5 1/4, bay/cyn vista
Prudential CA Realty 845-0200, Barbara Hopper 273-9361 \$850,000
- 4921 PROCTOR**, Upper Rockridge, 4 1/3, fab views, top quality
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Bill Boze 869-4216 \$830,000
- 33 NORTH HILL CT.**, Claremont Hills elegance 4 1/3, bay vw, location
Wells & Bennett, Jini Kelley 339-0414 \$779,000
- 9050 BROADWAY TER.**, Romantic new 5 1/3 Med, courtlyd, views
The GRUBB Company, Joan Karnay 339-0400 \$750,000
- 6333 SWAINLAND DR.**, Montclair, 4+bd/4ba new custom craftsman,
bay view, level rear yard. Holly Kersis, Agent 947-0787 \$749,000
- 24 NORTH HILL CT.**, Claremont Hills 5bd/4ba, incredible SF/GG vw
Pacific Union, Michelle Vasey 339-6460 \$735,000
- 6207 MATHIEU**, Upr Rockridge, 4bd/3+ba, stunning, new level yd
Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460 \$709,000
- 6205 MATHIEU**, Upr Rockridge, 4/3+, country tudor, quality
Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460 \$699,000
- 131 WILDING LN.**, Rockridge, 4+bd/3 1/2ba family centered home
Prudential CA Realty, Nancy Hoover 845-6021 \$640,000
- 20 CHAMBERS LN.**, Mature ngrhnd/nw 4bd w/open flr pin, grt kitchn
Wells & Bennett, Roy White 531-7000 X284 \$599,000
- 6041 GIRVIN DR.**, Bay/city/canyon views! 3+ 1/3, kit/FR combo, fpl
Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 530-4148 \$585,000
- 6039 GLENARMS**, Sleeping beauty awakens! 4+ 1/3, big yd, bay vw
Coldwell Banker, Evelyn Walker 339-1174 \$559,000
- 12420 SKYLARK BL.**, 4 1/3 high end cosmetic fixer, pool, 1 acre
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000 \$549,000
- 1055 AQUARIUS WY.**, Montclair, nw 4+bd/2 1/2ba, beautiful, grt price
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 644-5442 \$539,000
- 4949 PROCTOR**, \$30K price reduction. Rockridge, 2+bd/2ba, charm
"Great" room. Now is the time to buy! Terry De Young, Broker 462-7792 \$485,000
- 6700 GUNN DR.**, Huge nw trd'l, 4/4, library, lg kit/family room
Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 531-7000 X248 \$499,000
- 3015 BURDECK DR.**, Montclair, custom 3 1/2, 1/2acre, pool, spa, vw
The GRUBB Company, Katherine Cooper 339-0400 \$486,000
- 2 BELL WAYER WAY.**, Hillcrest, 4bd/2 1/2ba ranch, gourmet kitchen
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000 \$475,000
- 27 BELL WAYER WAY.**, Hillcrest, 3bd/2 1/2ba, spa, sauna, decks,
level in, woods. Taboloff & Company, Margo Brady 482-4131 \$468,000

- 2821 CHELSEA**, Designed for entertaining, 3 1/3, remod kitchen
Coldwell Banker 339-1174 \$455,000
- 28 BINNACLE HILL**, Hiller, pano SF bay & bridge vw, 3/3 twnh
The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400 \$449,000
- 4857 PROCTOR**, Major price reduction! Upr Rockridge, trad elegance,
FDR, 2+ 1/2. Designed for entertaining. Terry De Young 462-7792 \$449,000
- 868 TRESTLE GLEN**, Lovely 3bd/2 1/2ba on double lot, price reduced!
Gadsby & Associates, Abby 748-5300 \$439,000
- 8201 SKYLINE CIR.**, Bayview in Oakland Hills, 3 & 4bds with 2 1/2ba
HIGH \$300,000's and up
- 4622 REDWOOD RD** @ Campus Dr, 3 1/2, vw, private, secure, young
Cornish & Carey, D. C. Hodges 531-7667 \$399,000
- 829 TRESTLE GLEN**, 5bd, spacious trd'l grt for entertaining
Coldwell Banker, Dian Hymen 339-1174 \$399,000
- 2582 EL CAMINITO**, Montclair, 4bd/2 1/2ba, classic decor, grt yd
Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174 \$399,000
- 5231 Golden Gate Ave.**, Updtd 20's Med, chefs kit, secluded decks
The GRUBB Company, Travis McNeary 652-2133 X125 SUNDAY 2-4 \$399,000
- 7188 SAYRE DR.**, Montclair, 3bd/2ba, hot tub, sauna, glorious gdn
Coldwell Banker, Del M. Orr 339-1174 \$398,000
- 6009 PINEWOOD RD**, 3 1/2, 2-story LR, nr Montclair shops, nw list
Templeton Company, Trish McNeary 652-2133 X125 SUNDAY 2-4 \$385,000
- 3460 REVERE**, You can see forever! Custom 3bd, mstr w/office
Harbor Bay Realty, Margaret Lombas 521-7193 SUNDAY 2-4 \$379,500
- 4962 STONERIDGE CT.**, 4bd/3ba, bay & canyon vistas, mstr suite
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460 \$379,000
- 2425 CHELSEA**, Montclair, Usonian architectural gem! level garden
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Nancy Lehtkind 644-5466 \$379,000
- 5657 CASTLE DR.**, Pines, location & charm! 4/3, lg FR, woodsy
Cornish & Carey, Carin Caroe 339-8900 \$369,000
- 2061 BRAEMAR RD**, Custom 3+ 1/3, office, aupair, deck, bay vws
Coldwell Banker, Darcy Diamantline 339-1174 \$360,000
- 6948 RIDGEWOOD DR.**, Montclair, 4bd/3ba, deck overlooks bay
Coldwell Banker, Adrianna Giacomelli 339-1174 \$359,000
- 5601 SNAKE RD**, Montclair 3+bd/2ba, fam rm/office, walk to village
Pacific Union, Ann N'chois 339-6460 \$349,900
- 10 AZALEA LN.**, Montclair, nw listing! 3bd/2bd, cul-de-sac, valley vw
Cornish & Carey, Hal Castle 339-9778 \$325,000
- 6657 GUNN DR.**, Montclair, 3+bd/5ba located in wooded setting
Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460 \$319,000
- 5851 SNAKE**, Montclair, 4bd/3ba, lg home/gar lot, close to village
Cornish & Carey, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 \$319,000
- 6950 SARONI DR.**, Montclair, 3bd/1ba, garage/studio conversion
Coldwell Banker, Judy Maher 339-1174 \$315,000

- 5083 DUBLIN AV.**, Montclair off Mtn, 2+ 1/2, den, FDR, hwdw, patio
Cornish & Carey, Kate Castle 339-9778 \$315,000
- 4451 VIEW PL.**, Rockridge, corner Pleasant Valley & Montgomery
GRAND OPENING! 9 new luxury 3 & 4bdm homes. 547-1051 \$315,000
- 5324 LAWTON AV.**, Rockridge, 3/2 trd'l w/box beams, hwdw, deck
The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400 \$315,000
- 825 NORTHALE**, Crocker, price reduced! 2bd/2+ba, garden, deck
Cornish & Carey, Fiona MacIntyre 284-8469 \$315,000
- 6869 OAKWOOD**, Montclair, 3bd/2ba, open floor plan, secluded
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, C. B. Rose 869-4253 \$315,000
- 6615 CHELTON DR.**, Montclair 2+ 1/2, den, just listed! canyon vws
Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460 \$315,000
- 4725 LINCOLN AVE.**, nr Mormon Temple, 3/2 on pvt lane, grt view
Prudential California Realty, Al Proietti 326-7511 \$315,000
- 6172 RUTHLAND RD.**, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, kit/fam rm combo, to/frm
Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460 \$315,000
- 4638 DOLORES**, Glenview, 3bd/3b, flex flr plan, plus rm & ramp
Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392 \$315,000
- 5638 THORNHILL**, Montclair, 4bd/3ba, family rm, great space
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-6400 \$315,000
- 3777 CANON AVE.**, Glenview, 3bd/2ba, new listing! immaculate
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, David Otero 869-4239 \$315,000
- 3438 MONTEREY BL.**, Redwood Hts 3bd/3ba, 2100+ sf, in-law unit
Gadsby & Associates, Joe 748-5300 \$315,000
- 4014 WOODRUFF AV.**, Glenview, 3/1, nw foundation, beautiful indoor
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224 \$315,000
- 534 WELDON**, Upr Lakeshore/nw listing! 1st open! 2/1, den, LR w/pt
Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 654-6461 \$315,000
- 5329 MANILA AVE.**, Rockridge, new listing! 2bd bungalow FDR, w
Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174 \$315,000
- 5744 GRISBORNE**, Montclair, 1+ 1/2 w/distinctive charm, studio/office
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Howard Converse 869-4212 \$315,000
- 4747 CUNNINGHAM ST.**, Big Bay View! 3bd/2ba in Redwood Hts
Coldwell Banker, Fritz Hochfellner 339-1174 \$315,000
- 4148 WATERHOUSE RD.**, 2bd/1ba Cape Cod, upgrades, garage, w
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000 SUNDAY 2-5 \$315,000
- 4847 SHETLAND AVE.**, Grass Valley, 3+bd/2 1/2ba, 1773 sf, 1 level, 3200
low upkeep, vacant. Prudential CA Realty, Al Proietti 326-7511 SUNDAY \$315,000
- 4015 FOREST HILL**, Fruitvale, 2bd/1ba, garden, deck, fpl, workshop
Montclair Better Homes Realty 339-4000 \$315,000
- 3829 PARK BL.**, Glenview, 3/2, great home/great price! reduced!
Gadsby & Associates, Ingrid 748-5300 \$315,000
- 2520 ALIDA**, Lincoln Hts, charming 2bd, pvt setting, peek of the bay
Wells & Bennett, Chris Christensen 531-7000 X242 \$315,000

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Value: it's more than location

acteristics that define single family housing markets are: age, size/room count, quality of construction, design, location and amenities. Let's look briefly at each of these.

Age. The age of a home tells you a lot about it. Homes built before World War II will nearly all have nagging problems that owners will either have to live with or invest a significant amount of money to rectify. Some of these problems might

be created with minimum size and maintenance requirements for these people. In fact, the two bedroom, two bath condo is ideal for any couple without children. Also, any home with five or more bedrooms would have to be considered to be in a special market.

Quality of construction. Quality of construction can put homes which would otherwise seem similar into separate markets. For ex-

important to at least some people. There are those who desire to live in a certain area and will make whatever compromises necessary to achieve this end. Location can also be an important characteristic in a negative sense: homes which are directly adjacent to train tracks or freeways could be seen to constitute a distinct submarket.

Amenities. As for amenities, homes with in-ground swimming pools are a good example of a submarket defined by a single amenity. Other amenities which might clearly define a market are a private tennis court, art studio or home movie theater. Clearly, this type of thing occurs most commonly in high-end custom homes.

In conclusion, we can see that while location is surely an important characteristic of any property, it is far from the only one. 'What matters most' is what matters most to each individual buyer. While 'location, location, location' might be true for some, 'view, view view' or 'schools, schools, schools' might be the key to the real estate market for others.

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Location is surely important ... location can also be an important characteristic in a negative sense.

be uneven floors, chronic drainage problems and/or inadequate parking. To those who feel nostalgia for a time when life was slower and simpler or just like older homes, areas with these homes will seem attractive. Those who want a maintenance-free home, a home with lots of good parking or an up-to-date kitchen will not generally want to live in these areas.

Size/room count. It's obvious that size and room count would probably mean a lot to growing families. But it has become increasingly important to older buyers, the so-called 'empty nesters.' There is more and more housing

ample, it would not be appropriate to compare a late 1940s two bedroom bungalow with a full basement and hardwood flooring to a minimalist, two bedroom home of similar vintage with flat tar & gravel roof and carpeted concrete floors.

Design. We can illustrate the design characteristic by looking at a genuine Craftsman home with well-maintained characteristic detailing such as boxed-beam dining, fireplace inglenooks and redwood paneling are pretty much in a market of their own as buyers of this type of home would be unlikely to be interested in anything else.

Location. Location is surely

Garden books to loan

The Oakland East Bay Garden Center Inc. has a library with emphasis on books on plants, gardening and horticulture.

The library has 300 reference books available for use at the library and 900 circulating books that circulate for a period of 30 days.

The books are available to all

Bay Area residents for the small annual fee of \$2. The library, located in the Garden Center Building in Lakeside Park, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland, is open Thursdays 11:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (except holidays).

The public is invited to use the library and the other Garden Center facilities. For more information Call 482-5252.

One Stop Capital Shop helps plan for success

As part of the Oakland One Stop Capital Shop Business Coach Program, this workshop is offered on Tues., Nov. 25. The topic of this free workshop is Business Planning for Success, and will be held from 5 — 7 p.m. The workshop is being conducted by Michael Elkin and Rose King of the Small Business Administration (SBA). The workshop will cover the basic elements of a business plan and demonstrate many of the tools available at the SBA Business Information Center to help you with your business plan. For more information and registration call 273-6000.

Successful Oakland small business owners, bankers and corpo-

rate executives have joined in an effort to strengthen Oakland small businesses. Giving back to the community, these volunteers will be teaching free workshops and offering one-on-one counseling on Tues. and Wed. evenings from 5 — 7 p.m. at the Oakland One Stop Capital Shop, 519 17th Street, between Telegraph and San Pablo Avenues, in downtown Oakland. Future Tues. evening workshop topics:

Dec. 9, Legal Aspects of Small Business

Dec. 16, Financing Your Small Business

To receive more information, contact 273-6000.

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information center are open weekdays except Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and weekends from noon to 5:30 p.m.

From I-580 in Oakland take the Grand Avenue exit; turn right on Grand and continue one-half mile to Perkins; turn left on Perkins to Bellevue Tower on Lake Mer-

For additional information, call 339-1900.

To place a classified ad call 339-8777.

Property values up steeply

A State Board of Equalization official says assessed property values have surged in Santa Clara County over the past year to lead the Bay area.

Supervising Property Appraiser Arnold Fong attributes an 8.5 percent property value jump in the San Jose area over the past year to the burgeoning growth of computer-related industries in Silicon Valley.

"In the whole Bay area, because of the high-tech industries, Santa Clara County's property values increased the most, and that gain will probably ripple to the rest of the region," Fong said today.

The increase from \$120.6 billion to \$130.8 billion represents the largest regional gain in property values, and Santa Clara ranks as the fourth

most valuable county statewide — behind the Southern California juggernauts of Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties.

Board of Equalization researchers released the 1997-98 listings of property values by county last month. No counties in the state registered property value losses for the year.

Other Bay area counties that made large gains this year include San Mateo and Alameda counties. San Mateo values jumped 4.5 percent from \$58.8 billion to \$61.4 billion, and Alameda increased 4.3 percent from \$81.5 billion to \$85 billion.

Sonoma County's property values increased by 3.8 percent from \$27.8 to \$28.9 billion, and San

Francisco's values grew 3.3 percent from \$55.2 billion to \$57 billion.

Contra Costa County's assessed property values had the slowest growth rate in the Bay area for 1997-98, with a 1.3 percent gain from \$66.6 billion to \$67.4 billion.

The oil lands of Kern County led the entire state in property value increases, with a 12 percent leap from \$34.7 billion to \$39 billion.

Property values in Los Angeles County grew the slowest, at just three-fourths of one percent, but L.A. County property values still dwarf the rest of the state at \$496.4 billion. By comparison, properties in second-place Orange County were assessed at \$178 billion.

Some help with tuition

A free brochure providing an overview of the college financial aid process is available from Sallie Mae. The brochure includes a step-by-step road map on applying for aid as well as advice and useful tips on saving for college and coping with tuition. For a free copy, call Sallie Mae at (800) 806-3681.

Sallie Mae's site on the Internet is perhaps the most comprehensive source of free information on college financing. Sallie Mae's Web site address is www.salliemae.com.

The video program "Affording Higher Education," hosted by NBC's Dateline is available for \$6 by calling (800) 253-7746.

Other videos are available at the same phone number.

Students who use lenders that have a partnership with Sallie Mae can reduce their monthly interest rates by as much as 2.25 percent.

Federally chartered and stockholder owned, Sallie Mae is the nation's leading source of financing for higher education.

Important phone numbers:
Real Estate Editor: 339-4047
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6600 EXCELSIOR, Glenview, Lg, sunny, 3bd/1 1/2ba, FDR, hdwd, fpl \$195,000
Wells & Bennett, Carol Robiano 531-7000 X292

3801 LINWOOD, Glenview, spacious 3+bd/2+ba, bay views, charm! \$195,000
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Cindy Boze 869-4203

625 MANDANA BL #402, Panthosue, nw on mktl 2+2, rooftop decks \$193,000
Templeton Company, Leslie Easterday 652-2133 X134 SUNDAY 2-4

197 GLADSTONE, Excelsior, 2bd/2ba, new price! master suite \$192,500
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Bob Randall 869-4242

4049 NORTON AVE, Redwood Hts, 2 1/2 cute cottage, bay vw, private \$189,000
Pacific Union, Sandi Kiemmer 339-6460

8343 BROADWAY TER #306, Rockridge, 2bd/2ba, sunny unit w/vw \$185,000
Country Club. By Owner 510-547-6808 eve/wknds. 415-954-4414 days

2204 COLOMA ST, 3bd/1.25ba, lg bsmt, walk to shops & park \$174,500
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

3124 ARIZONA ST, Laurel district, 3bd/1ba fixer! \$169,000
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

2980 107TH AVE, Above 580, remodeled, FDR, some bay view \$165,000
Coldwell Banker, Elena Stone 339-1174

8610 DOVER, North Oakland, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath \$149,000
Coldwell Banker, Barbara Marienath 486-1495

3220 GEORGIA ST, Laurel district. Light & airy 2bd/1ba with new carpet & paint. Small yard. Winters Realty 530-8860 SUNDAY 1-4:30

2980 VALLECITO, Duplex, 2bdrms each unit, price reduced! \$126,500
Prudential CA Realty, Henriette Green 834-2010

375 JAYNE ST #304, Adams Pt, spacious 1bd/1ba condo, grt price \$74,500
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Marlene Daniels Bottano 652-0624

ALBANY Open Sunday

1008 ORDWAY ST, 2bd/1b, spacious, hdwds, frpl, dining rm, yard \$269,000
Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460

630 JACKSON #C, New price! 4/3 Albany Hill, views of Berk.Hills \$249,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X103 SUNDAY 2-4

1059 STANNAGE, 2+bd/2ba w/spacious kit, hdwds, nr schls/Solano \$233,000
Security Pacific, Kevin Tannahill 524-1112 SUNDAY 2-5

631 EVELYN, First open! cozy 2bd/1ba in good central location \$215,000
Comish & Carey, Nick Lavrov 525-2727 SUNDAY 1-4

546 PIERCE #2211, Albany 2bd/2ba \$159,500
Coldwell Banker, Karen Brand 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

BERKELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

260 STONEWALL RD, Spanish style 4bd/4ba w/office or aupair. \$795,000
Great Clarendon Great Moyer Realty 769-0300

85 HILLCREST RD, Splendor, 4-story, 7bd/5ba, ballrm, sunrms, vw \$789,000
Coldwell Banker, Lynne Bantle 339-1174

1082 CRAGMONT, 4bd/3ba \$675,000
Coldwell Banker, Candace Hyde-Wang 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

424 VERMONT, 4/3 Tudor, Grand sunkn LR, FDR, inlaw, deck, vw \$499,000
Marvin Gardens RE 527-9111, Todd Hodson 273-9515 SUNDAY 2-4

1332 WALNUT, Berkeley 3 bedroom, 2 bath \$495,000
Coldwell Banker, Lydia Melsen 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

955 OXFORD, Berkeley 4bd/3ba \$489,000
Coldwell Banker, Rita Zwerdling 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

585 GRIZZLY PEAK, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths \$399,000
Coldwell Banker, Holly Rose 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

2877 BUENA VISTA WY, 2bd/2ba award-winning contemp, bay vw! \$395,000
Templeton Company, Mary Montali 652-2133 X132 SUNDAY 2-4

2530 MARIN, 3bd/2b Tudor, FDR, gardener's haven, bay vw, "as is" \$299,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X134 SUNDAY 2-4

859 EUCLID, Spectacular fixer! SF/bay/Oakland vws! 2+bd/1.25ba \$295,000
Templeton Company, Jack McPhail 652-2133 X135 SUNDAY 2-4

1222 EVELYN, Two houses on 1 lot! 2+bd house and 1bd cottage \$295,000
Thornwall Properties, Selma Klett 848-1950 X223 SUNDAY 2-4

60 FLORIDA, 3bd/2ba, "great" room, frpl, patio, garage, garden \$290,000
Prudential CA Realty 526-5143, Lillie Braudy 524-7365

1561 CAPISTRANO, Sunfilled 2/1 1000 Oaks bungalow, corner lot \$279,900
Marvin Gardens 527-2700, Sue Nelson 273-9510

1919 FRANCISCO, 3bd/2+ba \$279,000
Coldwell Banker, Jane Ishibashi 486-1495 SUNDAY 2-4

2427 ASHBY, Cozy, nr Elmhurst, 2bd/1ba, FDR & breakfast room \$182,000
Templeton Company, Linda Wolan 652-2133 X123 SUNDAY 2-4

1837 DWIGHT, 2bd/1ba, huge yard, hardwoods, fireplace, garage \$179,500
Prudential CA Realty 834-2010, Susan Casqueiro 286-7571

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

8644 DON CAROL Dr, 4/3 elegantly refurbished! decks, patio, yd, vw \$610,000
Locators Real Estate, Sil 232-7184 SUNDAY 2-4:30

5509 MacDONALD, Immaculate 4+bd/3ba with bay views, large yd, and in-law. KAFTON REAL ESTATE 524-8973 SUNDAY 2-5

7117 MANILA, New listing! 3bd/1ba. Fireplace. Large yard \$219,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 SUNDAY 2-4

539 CLAYTON, Charming 3bd, FDR, hdws, sunny kitchen, nr Plaza \$199,950
Locators Real Estate, Franca 232-7184 SUNDAY 2-4:30

1440 ELM, 1st Open! Mint 3/11 nw flrs, prt yd, att'd gar, walk BART \$189,000
Marvin Gardens RE 527-9111, Mary Gray 466-5843 SUNDAY 2-4

1617 ELM, Sunny 3bd/1ba on quiet street. Must sell \$189,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 SUNDAY 2-4

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

64 HIGHGATE ROAD, 3+bd/2 1/2ba with beautiful private garden \$469,500
Prudential CA RE 845-0200, Lorraine Osmundson 526-4566 SUNDAY 2-4:30

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

207 ESTATES DR, 5bd/3+ba English tudor, SF bay views \$1,090,000
Pacific Union, Sally Morrison 339-6460

27 KING AVE, Unique Spanish Med, 3+bd/3ba, solarium, sep.aupair \$850,000
Coldwell Banker, Phyllis Milenbach/Kay Grubb 339-1174

43 ESTRELLA, Remod Br Shingle, 3/2 1/2, chefs kitchen, FDR, office \$759,000
The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

84 OAKMONT, 3bd/2+ba dramatic Med, quiet street, remod kit/bath \$589,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

196 SANDRINGHAM, Spacious 3bd/3+ba, rec room \$579,000
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Rose Jellison 644-5401

229 CARMEL AVE, 3bd/2+ba with view, location, yard! \$559,000
Prudential CA Realty 339-9290, George Millions 869-4233

108 LATHAM ST, 3+bd/3ba Piedmont beauty! Yard. WOW price! \$499,000
Prudential CA Realty 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 644-5442

211 SUNNYSIDE AVE, Price slashed! 2+1/2, Victorian era, grand \$369,000
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RICHMOND Open Sunday

6117-23 FRESNO, R Annex 4-plex Cape Cod, two 2bd & 2 1bd units \$289,500
Locators Real Estate, Sil 232-7184 SUNDAY 2-4:30

5616 MARIN AVE, So. of Solano, New listing! 4/3, 2300sf, FR, 2 tpi \$249,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X116 SUNDAY 2-4

685 AMADOR, R. View, price reduced! 3/2 cottage w/g yard \$160,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 X183 SUNDAY 2-4

SAN LEANDRO Open Sunday

14852 MARTELL AVE, 3 bedrooms \$204,950
Prudential California Realty, Lynn 888-6324/889-9981 SUNDAY 2-4:30

14406 SEAGATE, Immaculate 2 1/2 twbhm, nw appl/rugs, Indscpd \$172,000
Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 SUNDAY 2-4

14001 SEAGATE, Formal model twbhm, 2/2, upgrades, pool, tennis \$169,900
Harbor Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352 SUNDAY 2-4

14835 E. 14th ST, 2 bedrooms \$137,500
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 2979 Johnson Ave. - \$214,500
 325 Kitty Hawk #206 - \$100,000
 200 McDonnell Rd. - \$276,500
 11 McMurty Ct. - \$395,000
 1623 Paru St. - \$170,000
 1817 Sherman St. - \$209,000
 960 Shorepoint #300 - \$111,000
 960 Shorepoint #320 - \$136,000
 333 Sweet Rd. - \$396,500
 320 Taylor Ave. - \$220,000
 1409 Union St. - \$209,000
 1017 Versailles Ave. - \$247,000

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 940 Key Route Blvd. - \$195,000
 704 Madison St. - \$167,500
 946 Madison St. - \$226,000
 1047 Pomona Ave. - \$197,500
 932 Ramona Ave. - \$227,000
 733 San Carlos Ave. - \$221,000

BERKELEY
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 2911 Benvenue Ave. - \$402,000
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 1533 Buena Ave. - \$225,000
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 2601 College #307 - \$134,000
 2601 College #310 - \$110,000
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 759 Grizzly Peak - \$369,500
 973 Indian Rock - \$385,000
 1538 Keoncrest Dr. - \$240,000
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 360 Rugby Ave. - \$590,000
 900 Shattuck Ave. - \$430,000
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 1311 Walnut St. - \$355,000

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 137 Carmel Ave. - \$245,500
 23 Carmel Ave. - \$217,500
 1014 Elm Ct. - \$187,500

EL SOBRANTE
 4124 Barranca Ave. - \$79,000
 4669 Elmwood Rd. - \$136,500

6633 Monte Verde - \$231,500
 651 Pebble Dr. - \$200,000
 5893 Skyline Dr. - \$257,500
 5417 Valley View Rd. - \$197,000

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 6363 Christie #1816 - \$240,000
 6363 Christie #2502 - \$144,000
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 1327 103rd Ave. - \$101,000
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 529 45th St. - \$117,000
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 4343 Anderson Ave. - \$233,000
 2966 California St. - \$179,000
 13230 Clairepointe - \$260,000
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 3583 Dimond Ave. - \$159,000
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 3875 Lakeshore Ave. - \$301,000
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 7878 Lockwood St. - \$117,500
 4114 Lyman Rd. - \$264,000
 4260 Maple Ave. - \$153,000
 185 Marlow Dr. - \$174,000
 3800 Maybelle #10 - \$95,000
 11 Merlin Ct. - \$232,000
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6616 Mokelumne - \$105,000
 2820 Morcom Ave. - \$172,000
 4742 Mountain Blvd. - \$200,000
 1805 Northwood Ct. - \$366,000
 6152 Ocean View Dr. - \$700,000
 6174 Overdale Ave. - \$135,000
 2476 Palmetto St. - \$109,000
 800 Rosemount Rd. - \$517,000
 6828 Saroni Dr. - \$315,000
 7331 Skyline Blvd. - \$363,000
 6344 Snake Rd. - \$486,000
 4150 Terrace St. - \$209,000
 4811 Tompkins Ave. - \$125,000
 3361 Victor Ave. - \$219,000
 5607 Walnut St. - \$75,500
 240 Wildwood Ave. - \$305,000
 3820 Wisconsin St. - \$208,000

PIEDMONT
 15030 B'way Ter. - \$669,000

RICHMOND
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 555 26th St. - \$115,000
 5950 Arlington Blvd. - \$147,000
 2817 Gonzaga Ave. - \$136,000
 2176 La Mirada Dr. - \$178,000
 5500 Lenora Rd. - \$265,000
 3200 Moran Ave. - \$97,000
 3033 Phillip Ct. - \$157,000
 336 South 35th St. - \$100,000
 3233 Tulare Ave. - \$72,000
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 1721 139th Ave. - \$160,000
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 754 Crocus Dr. - \$260,000
 1050 Dutton Ave. - \$258,000
 790 Elsie Ave. - \$230,000
 1986 Evergreen Ave. - \$180,000
 15152 Flying Mist Rd. - \$307,500
 14751 Harold Ave. - \$115,000
 342 Hollister Ct. - \$160,000
 683 Hollyhock Dr. - \$237,500

1318 Manor Blvd. - \$155,000
 1302 Oakes Blvd. - \$227,000
 2023 Orchard Ave. - \$163,000
 529 West Merle Ct. - \$142,000
 2228 Windlass Way - \$119,000
 2022 Yankee Ct. - \$312,500
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 1772 Keller Ave. - \$185,000
 15959 P. Lagavista - \$168,000
 17526 Via Primero - \$136,000
 15781 Via Represa - \$173,000

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ALAMEDA
 TOTAL SALES: 17
 LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$507,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$233,235

ALBANY
 TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$167,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$227,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$205,666

BERKELEY
 TOTAL SALES: 18
 LOWEST PRICE: \$99,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$850,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$305,750

EL CERRITO
 TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$165,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$245,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$203,875

EL SOBRANTE
 TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$79,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$257,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$183,583

EMERYVILLE
 TOTAL SALES: 6
 LOWEST PRICE: \$68,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$240,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$133,666

KENSINGTON
 TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$444,000

OAKLAND
 TOTAL SALES: 47
 LOWEST PRICE: \$72,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$700,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$225,234

PIEDMONT
 TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$669,000

RICHMOND
 TOTAL SALES: 11
 LOWEST PRICE: \$72,000

HIGHEST PRICE: \$850,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$305,750
SAN LEANDRO
 TOTAL SALES: 1
 LOWEST PRICE: \$160,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$237,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$200,000
SANTO DOMINGO
 TOTAL SALES: 1
 LOWEST PRICE: \$136,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$173,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$154,500

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SM harriers ousted from Div.V

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Jeff Sepulveda

Sports, like life, are not always fair. But unfairness is especially cruel when the rules of the game are changed on the fly without warning.

St. Mary's boy's cross country team was dealt a wicked blow this week as it was determined by the California Intercollegiate Federation that the Panthers will not be eligible to defend their North Coast Section Division V championship from last year due to a gerrymandering of enrollment statistics.

According to Panthers harrier coach Francis Mason, SM was informed this past Mon-

day that the Panthers, which has been ranked first all season in the entire state, and are defending NCS Div. V champs, had been reclassified as a Div. IV competitor due to a new version of the enrollment-based classification.

The formal notice came less than one week prior to the NCS championships this Friday and Saturday in Ukiah. According to Mason, the decision itself wasn't as upsetting as its timing and the inherent arbitrary nature of enrollment tweaking.

"We were pushed up to Div. 4 by a total of five kids," he said. "Being five kids over the limit for Div. 5 would not have made any difference as far as giving us a competitive advantage. But now, we'll be forced to compete against schools that have more than twice our enrollment."

In a sport like cross country, being outnumbered by that margin really matters."

Obviously, SM's will not give up, and Mason contends that it still has a decent chance to advance to the state championship by placing among the top two teams at NC.

But the Panthers are now underdogs rather than a prohibitive favorite.

Last Thursday, St. Mary's was upset at the ACCAL championships by Piedmont. The Highlanders were paced by Brian Sampson and Carl Moran who placed first and second. SM was led by Justin Hite who placed third and Mike Arp who finished fourth.

The injury cloud which threatened before last week's ACCAL meet still casts a shadow over the Panthers' chances in this week's NC. Senior Ryan Torres is still not fully recovered from a hip flexor which forced a two-week layoff. Torres did run eighth in last week's race, and will certainly run in the NC meet this

week.

While wounded Panther Jono Tapp was held out of last week's ACCALs due to a groin injury, Mason says he will be on the starting line for NC.

But Tapp has recently begun to jog without pain after a long layoff, so there will certainly be a question as to whether his level of conditioning will be sufficient in the biggest race of the season.

Adversity has a way of creating champions, and with an all-out effort at NC, SM may end up having an even sweeter reward than the brass ring it's been seeking all season: a Div. IV NC championship rather than the Div. V crown it was looking to defend.

Jeff Lindquist
The Panthers' Justin Hite placed third in ACCAL cross country championship meet last Thursday.



EC-SM on North Coast collision course?

Gauchos
look for
Miramonte
redemption

Jeff Sepulveda

As Yogi Berra reputedly said, it's like déjà vu, all over again. Although he wasn't speaking about El Cerrito football exactly, nonetheless, it holds true.

This is how the 1997 season is shaping out: An undefeatedameda-Contra Costa Athletic League season; a No. 2 seed in the North Coast Section Division 2A playoffs; a first-round matchup against Miramonte; and at El Cerrito.

to less. The Gauchos have seen this movie before. It was the highlight of their '96 season.

In the ultimate irony, ACCAL championship and NCS second seed again has its season's fate on the line at home against Miramonte in a first round matchup this Friday at 8 p.m.

While preparing to star in this year's sequel, the Gauchos can't be blamed for clicking their heels three times and wishing for a happier ending.

Last year a slasher stole the final game — Miramonte (Orinda) won the winning touchdown in the final game's waning seconds, leaving a proud Gauchos team in its wake behind a 17-13 stunner.

So, this year's Gauchos (8-0-2) are out for redemption against the Redemptors (8-2).

"We have four offensive and six defensive starters returning that played against them last year," said coach Frank Milo. "I didn't want to remind the players about what happened last year. They took upon themselves and had a team feeling when they learned what the pairing was." "I think we're going better this year going into playoffs," he continued. "Last year we had some key injuries, and this year we're almost completely healthy."

EC will have the fearsome Marshall Swann for this year's quarterback. Swann missed last year's NCS playoff with an injury. He's coming off a three TD performance in EC's 36-7 ACCAL co-championship clinching victory at Anza last Friday.

In that game, defensive back Marcus Parham intercepted three



St. Mary's defenders bat ball away from Piedmont's Matt Nelson as Panthers' became ACCAL co-champs.

Jeff Lindquist

Yellowjackets must wait 'til next year

By Jelani Harper

Sometimes you have to lose to win.

At least to win in the long run, anyway. Though Berkeley's football team was not successful this year, finishing 2-7, and 1-4 in the East Bay Athletic League, the groundwork has been laid for a solid program that should see the Yellowjackets winning more frequently.

"The season went pretty much as we presumed it would," explained coach Joe Martin. "We were able to establish our program for the long term. We started back in January and it was a very disciplined program demanding a high level of commitment from the kids both socially, academically and athletically."

Discipline was the priority, consequently a number of players either were asked or chose to leave

the team during the course of the season. As a result, Berkeley fielded a relatively young team with lots of room to grow.

"We were able to play a lot of sophomores and juniors this year," remarked Martin. "At one point we had 13 sophomores and juniors starting in our program. So we gave them a lot of experience and based on our evaluations, some of them will be able to continue and some of them we don't know if we'll invite

back."

One of the most promising of that former bunch is junior quarterback Elishama Goldfarb, who got his first start five games into the season. He was able to pick up Berkeley's offense substantially, and had more success at the position than his senior counterparts.

Goldfarb will most likely compete with sophomore quarterback Jarred Overall, who led Berkeley's

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Panthers must beat Foothill in NC round 1

By Jeff Sepulveda

St. Mary's football team prepared for this week's North Coast Section Division 2A

playoffs by facing a desperate Piedmont team in last Saturday's Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League co-championship clinching game.

Piedmont's mission was simple: beat St. Mary's and clinch third place in the ACCAL, and thus lay claim to a NCS playoff spot coveted by Encinal.

As any Panthers foe this season can tell you, however, beating St. Mary's is not simple.

Especially when the Panthers are in cruise control mode as they were against Piedmont last Saturday, winning 28-7, and dashing Highlanders hopes along the way.

Now looming for St. Mary's is a first round NCS matchup with Foothill of Pleasanton (6-4).

After the Piedmont game, SM coach Dan Shaughnessy was looking ahead to the NC pairings announcement, and indicated that he would be quite happy snagging a No. 3 seed in the NCS 2A bracket. And he got it.

Foothill will travel to El Cerrito

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NCS 2A Football

St. Mary's vs. Foothill
El Cerrito
Saturday, 8 p.m.

Can anyone stop Albany's girls?

By Jelani Harper

Well, it's that time again. North Coast Sectionals are here once again, and once again Albany's women's volleyball team is looking to sweep straight through to the championship.

The No. 1 seeded Cougars were given a bye in the first round of the Division IV tournament, and were scheduled to play Wednesday night against McKinleyville, the winner of Tuesday's game against Piedmont.

The match against McKinleyville could be most interesting since the Cougars have never played that school.

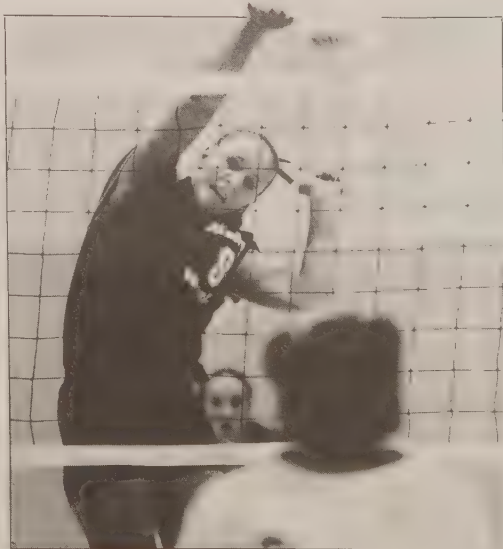
"McKinleyville (which came back Tuesday to beat Piedmont,

9-15, 10-15, 15-10, 15-3, 15-3) is up near the Oregon border so no one really knows a lot about them," remarked Albany coach Konrad Ott. "I really have no idea what to expect. We'll just have to wait and see."

The Cougars sure looked sharp winning last week's ACCAL title; they went undefeated in league and won the championship for the fifth year in a row. The Cougars blew by Piedmont, 15-2, 15-6, and 15-4, in the semifinals, and had no problem dismantling De Anza in the final, 15-1, 15-6, and 15-4.

You would have to go back at least five years to Ott's first season to find the last time Albany dropped a single game in a league match, so the ACCAL title is just the latest

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Jeff Lindquist

Albany's Elizabeth Collister spikes one against Piedmont last week.

Jackets win, but win 'em just barely

By Jelani Harper

In sports, there's nothing like a close finish.

We're talking about a down-to-the-wire, nail-biting win which leaves the crowd thrilled and the winning coach breathless.

Some teams dominate throughout a game's entirety, while others seem to have a knack

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NCS Div. 1 Volleyball Second Round

Acalanes
at Berkeley
Thursday, 7 p.m.

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As Albany was comin' together ...

Cougars played best game of season in last game — another loss. Freeman looks to next year.

By Jelani Harper

Just when you thought it had given up, Albany's football team played its best game of the year last Friday.

No, it didn't win. In fact, it didn't win a game all season. But the Cougars have to get some credit for playing their best game at a time when most teams in their position would have stopped trying.

The Cougars eventually fell to Encinal, 20-13, but that's not what mattered. The Cougars have lost plenty of times this season, 10 times to be exact, and by far worse scores. No, what mattered was the Cougars were up, 12-0 at the half, and dominated.

Then reality set in, of course, and after couple of errors on special teams the Cougars lost their lead and the game. But that didn't erase the fact that Tim Onweller caught a touchdown pass from quarterback Billy Zeier in the first half, and that Zeier snuck into the end zone after a 60-yard run by William Bennett.

"I think that in the week of practice we took things a lot more seri-

ously," said coach Freeman about his team's drastically improved performance. "Everyone who was there in practice played in the game, the ones who weren't didn't play. We just took the game seriously."

Conditions at Cougar Field last Friday were downright awful due to the storms and weather conditions, and the fact that the Cougars had played in those conditions all week certainly didn't hurt.

In the first half, Albany looked noticeably more comfortable than did Encinal.

"The weather conditions helped us, because we had been practicing on our wet field all week and they hadn't," exclaimed Freeman. "So

when they came they were slipping and sliding all around, and we were used to it already."

Freeman has his sights set on the future. "It was a long, disheartening season," he reflected. "It was a long season with a lot of injuries, so we didn't get that many chances to play like we could play."

"My young players got to play a lot because my older guys, for whatever reason, either didn't play or got hurt," he continued. "So a lot of sophomores got to play, which will build us for the future. Next year we're expecting a lot of returning players, so that should help. But we had good kids so it was an OK year. I had a good time."



Local frosh 2nd in Livermore

High school freshmen Amy Taguchi of Albany High and Megan Kawahara of Head-Royce, defeated Megan Kawahara and Geoffrey Lundie (Saratoga), 6-1, 4-6, 6-2, in the second in mixed U14 doubles in the USTA No. California tournament at Livermore Valley TC two weeks ago. Taguchi ranked 25th in the girl's U14 singles division, will be going to the Copper Bowl USTA in Tucson Jan. 1-5.

the program that undoubtedly comes first in Martin's book, who also doubles as Berkeley's athletic director. "We're looking for kids that can make a commitment to the football program as well as the entire athletic program at the school and the community. They have to do that in athletics at Berkeley School."

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for close finishes.

Berkeley's volleyball team seems to specialize in them.

"We've won only one match in straight games," said Yellowjackets coach Patrick Hearne after Tuesday's Division I North Coast Section home playoff win over Moreau Catholic (Hayward). "We're very well known for coming out cold and losing the first game before winning a match, and I don't know how many two-point margin of victories we've had this season."

But the bottom line is that the Jackets (13-6) keep winning. So when the Jackets, who were scheduled to play Acalanes Thursday at 7 p.m., there's bound to be an exciting finish. Acalanes beat Casa Grande, 12-15, 15-12, 15-12, 15-4, in a first round game, also Tuesday night.

The whole thrill in watching the Jackets lies in the fact that they're vulnerable. Their record proves they can play, as does the fact that they're in the second round of the NCS. But the Jackets do make mistakes and often win by the slightest of margins.

Take Tuesday's win over the Mariners for example. It was high drama as usual as the Jackets won 15-7, 15-7, 4-15, 15-13. The match looked to be sown up after the first two games, but Berkeley fell flat in the third.

"We had a total lack of seriousness in the third game," remarked Hearne. "We lost all intensity and all focus. We made error after error; half of them were physical and half of them were mental. So that, plus a close call or two put them back in the game."

Things really got hairy in the fourth quarter as the Mariners picked up momentum. But the Jackets were able to battle back from 7-3 and 11-8 deficits to tie the match at 13 a piece. From there it was anybody's game, but the Jackets proved that they wanted it more.

"I attribute the fact that we win so many close games because of our seniors on the court," said Hearne. "It means a little more to them. It was a big disappointment for them not to win league (East Bay League); the goal the whole year was to get a banner. We missed that opportunity, but now we get a chance to win in North Coast."

Stephanie Carabas played well at setter, and Emma Batten-Bowman had a number of kills at middle blocker. Brooke Leberette played exceptionally well at outside hitter.

"She had one of her better hitting nights of the year," remarked Hearne.

The Jackets are looking forward to the second round game against Acalanes because the Lafayette school (20-14), which upset No. 3 Casa Grande.



Albany's Mia Narell drives the ball as teammate Charity Harbo looks on.

Albany

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triumph in Albany's long-term success.

"It was a total team effort and all of my kids played really well," said Ott about the league championship. "De Anza and Piedmont played well, but we just executed and did a good job and good things happened."

Albany goes into NCS action with an overall record of 24-6 (12-0 in ACCAL play). So, aside from a few tournaments in September and early October, the Cougars have yet to face any serious competition. Frankly, that doesn't look to change in the NCS.

The No. 2 seeded team in the tournament, Campolindo, is a team which Albany beat in straight games in October's Castro Valley Invitational.

"They're a very athletic team and they're very quick," Ott said about Campo. "They're not particularly tall but they're well-coached and they're disciplined so it'll be a good match."

Yeah, right. A good match for a Cougars opponent is scoring no more than six points per game.

So, barring any serious injury or illness, Albany looks to improve on last year's showing in which it reached the semifinals in the state tournament, before falling to St. Francis of Mountview.

"If we're healthy and playing well our season should go a while longer," exclaimed Ott. "Right now things are going well and the kids are working really hard. Everybody's staying focused doing what they need to do and taking things one match at a time."



St. Mary's Eddie Smith, center, was the Panthers' key runner last Saturday against Piedmont.

Panthers

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High for the game scheduled for 8 p.m. this Saturday.

The Panthers did nothing to make Piedmont feel hospitable while thrashing them last Saturday.

Paki Gordon streaked 40 yards around end to put SM ahead, 6-0, while a good portion of the crowd at Burrell Field in San Leandro was still stuck in the Rolling Stones traffic web.

The other half of the Panthers' twin tailback attack, Eddie Smith, brought the first quarter to a close by sweeping 39 yards around end for a touchdown to cap a 85-yard drive by the Panthers.

Quarterback Max Slenderbrook's pass to Martin Kelley added the two-point conversion, and St. Mary's moved ahead, 14-0.

After trading turnovers to open the third quarter, SM removed all doubt from the game by executing a 15-play, 62-yard drive which chewed up nearly 8 minutes of the third quarter clock.

Smith was the Panthers ball carrier on the key plays of the drive, converting a fourth-and-inches situation inside the Piedmont 10 two carries before scoring from a yard out to give SM a 21-0 lead.

After Saturday's game, Slenderbrook was encouraged by the offensive improvement over the previous week's struggles against Encinal.

"The defense has been strong all year," he said. "But the offense needs to step it up. Tonight we looked much better. We tried to mix it up a little bit."

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junior varsity to the EBAL title. In fact, Berkeley's prospects for the future appear very positive when looking at its younger teams; both the freshmen and JV teams went undefeated and won titles.

The season wasn't a complete learning experience for the varsity, however, what few upperclassmen they did have, played well. Wide receiver Ariel Herzog had a fine season and caught three touchdown passes in one game, while safety Ricky Cornejo was rumored to hit harder than former Raider Jack Tatum in his heyday.

Still, things will hopefully be better for the Jackets next year as they are able to realize their long-term program into wins. Yet, it is

Gauchos

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Jason Edmunds passes to lead a stellar EC defensive effort. On offense, the Gauchos dominated with a mixture of running backs Parham and Swann, and a healthy dose of quarterback Issac Phelps and receiver Dan Ursini.

De Anza opened the game with an onside kick. EC wasn't fooled and drove 60 yards in nine plays before Swann powered in from four yards out to give the Gauchos a 7-0 lead.

Swann made it 13-0 EC when he took a screen pass from Phelps 24 yards for on a fourth-and-six on the first possession of the second quarter.

Parham returned his second interception to De Anza's 10-yard line, which set up the prolific Swann's 9-yard scoop, and after (who else?) Swann burst up the middle for the two-point conversion, EC led, 21-0.

The Gauchos wasted no time scoring a third second quarter TD after recovering a Dons' fumble at midfield. Phelps hooked up with Ursini on a 45-yard bomb to the De Anza 2, and Swann graciously allowed his mate Parham to do the TD honors from 2 yards out.

As for the three interceptions which ripped apart the Dons' game plan? "They were just coming to me tonight," Parham said.

As for which was more sweet, the three interceptions, or the rushing TD? "Three picks are better than one touchdown," he said with a grin.

The Gauchos' 7-7 tie earlier this season with St. Mary's resulted in a shared ACCAL championship but EC won a playoff tiebreaker in a resulting overtime period.

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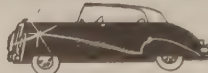


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3025 Broadway, Auto Row. 763-1970

FORD 1993 Mustang LX. Convertible. #147841. \$8,880.
Connell-Cochran & Celli
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FORD 1991 Explorer XLT. 4x4. Auto, power group. VIN#B96467 \$9,888.
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Richmond Auto Mall, 222-4444

FORD 1990 Taurus GL. Good condition, runs great, air, power. \$2900. 531-9425.

FORD 1987 Taurus GL Sedan, looks and runs clean. 135K. \$2200 or best offer. Call 510-419-8550.

FORD 1987 Taurus GL 4 cylinder, new transmission. Cruise control, power windows, power steering, tilt, air-conditioning, AM/FM cassette stereo. Clean. \$3500. Best offer. Call 510-482-2819.

FORD 1982 Escort Station Wagon, stock, 4 speed, power steering, cassette, great custom vehicle, must see, priced to sell. \$1000 or best offer. 510-831-9591

GEO 1992 Storm. A/C, cassette, auto. Great commuter! #53948 \$6,995.
Hanlees Hilltop Toyota
3255 Auto Plaza, Richmond, 243-2020

GMC 1996 Suburban. A full menu. #521323. \$33,880.
Connell-Cochran & Celli
Broadway at Piedmont/Oakland
510-893-9110

HONDA Cars for \$100. Seized and sold locally this month. 1-800-522-2730 ext 2714.

HONDA 1995 Civic Hatchback. AM/FM cassette, low miles, alloy wheels. #516877. \$11,995.
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HONDA 1995 Civic LX. #001601. \$11,980.
Connell-Cochran & Celli
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HONDA 1996 Tahoe LT. All appointments, air, 192480. \$29,880.
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HONDA 1995 Silverado truck 1500. A/C, leather, bedliner, camper shell. Clean! #119154. \$7,995.
Hanlees Hilltop Toyota
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HONDA 1995 Cavalier. Auto, A/C, like new. #17819. \$4,995.
Hanlees Hilltop Toyota
3255 Auto Plaza, Richmond, 243-2020

HONDA 1995 Extended Cab. #179586. \$13,300.
Connell-Cochran & Celli
Broadway at Piedmont/Oakland
510-893-9110

CHRYSLER 1988 LeBaron convertible. Loaded, 100,000. 49K miles. Air conditioning, tilt, cruise, leather, power everything. \$3950. #1042-1225

JACOB 1993 Cargo Van. 6 cylinder, auto, ps, pb, cruise, cassette, cruise, tilt. Extra clean. #145111. \$7,795.
Used Cars
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FORD 1997 Thunderbird LX. 6 cylinder, power group. Rental purchase. VIN#116222. \$13,888.
Michael Stead's Hilltop Ford
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FORD 1996 Explorer Sport. Power group, ABS. #W86661. \$18,888.
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FORD 1995 Contour GL. 4 cylinder, auto, ps, pb, air, AM/FM cassette. Extra clean! \$7,995. #1040154.
Used Cars
Broadway Ford
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FORD 1995 Explorer. PS, ABS, CD. VIN#B91641. \$17,888.
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FORD 1995 Ranger. Cassette, bedliner. #W81544. \$7,888.
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Richmond Auto Mall, 222-4444

FORD 1995 Thunderbird LX. V8, moonroof, power group. VIN#196029. \$11,888.
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FORD 1994 Explorer XLT. #A11277. \$18,880.
Connell-Cochran & Celli
Broadway at Piedmont/Oakland
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FORD 1994 F-150. Super cab. #B50669. \$12,880.
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FORD 1994 Ranger XLT. 4.0 litre, 4x4, shell. #W417110. \$10,888.
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FORD 1994 Thunderbird LX. V8, 22K, moonroof. #W18737. \$10,888.
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CONSTRUCTION lead carpenter, minimum 4 years experience, salary DOE. Own transportation. Tools. Fax resume: 510-339-9225.

CONTRACTORS, Licensed, General, minimum 15 years experience. Sub-contract, time and materials, on small jobs (2 hours-2 weeks). 20-40 hours per week. \$30 per hour plus materials. Must be Journey/ master level in all trades. Highly professional, excellent people skills. Own truck and tools. 339-1616

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Fax or mail resume to: Jan Wasserman, Retail Advertising, Hills Newspapers, 5707 Redwood Rd. #11, Oakland, 94619. FAX: 510-339-3053.

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EDITOR- edit books for biomedical firm, part-time, work independently. Biomed 510-450-1650 ext. 211, Tony

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HIRING FOR THE HOLIDAYS If you have retail sales experience, a sense of humor and enjoy travel, stop by and apply in person at: Marshall's Luggage, 4184-D Piedmont Ave., Oakland. Open 10 to 6.

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INSURANCE Customer Service. Requires organized, friendly, helpful, keyboard skills, detail-oriented, office experience, excellent phone skills, patience. Computer skills a plus. Fax resume 614-9801 or mail 151 Callan Ave. #301, San Leandro, 94577.

LEAD Carpenter wanted. Start now. SF, East Bay area. Pay negotiable. Truck tools, references required. Fax information to: 510-832-8882

LEGAL Secretary/bookkeeper, approximate 25 flexible hours. Salary DOE, pleasant Embarcadero office. No fringes. 535-2555

MEDICAL

Veterinary Receptionist: If you truly care for animals and are looking for a fulfilling rewarding career, this may be your answer. We have a full-time front desk position open at our top quality veterinary hospital. This is a doctor, very busy hospital and requires someone with the following abilities: computer skills, multi-tasking, dealing with challenging people, and stamina. Benefits include competitive salary, medical, dental, 401K. Send resume to: VCA Albany Animal Hospital, 1550 Solano Ave., Albany, CA 94707. Attention: Mary

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Office/Administrative Assistant Work with management consultant in home office near Park Blvd. 15-20 hours per week (afternoons), \$10-15 per hour. Database entry and requires someone with the following abilities: computer skills, multi-tasking, dealing with challenging people, and stamina. Benefits include competitive salary, medical, dental, 401K. Send resume to: VCA Albany Animal Hospital, 1550 Solano Ave., Albany, CA 94707. Attention: Mary

OFFICE Assistant for ceramic company. Data entry/bookkeeping. Computer experience helpful. Berkeley. 526-6019.

OFFICE ASSISTANT. Duties include filing, indexing, answering phones, copying, etc. Full or part-time. Shelley. 510-451-6770

OFFICE Assistant, 20-30 hours/week for fast-paced magazine. Phones, clerical, computer, errands. Must drive. 636-4556 or fax 636-4563

OFFICE MANAGER 24 hours/week. Chiropractic office. Good verbal and written communication skills are essential. Must have experience and computer skills in health care office work including accounts receivable posting, billing, and word processing. 510-655-1933

OFFICE Manager/bookkeeper needed for small construction company. Part-time, hours per flex. Macintosh friendly. Fax experience and references to 510-832-8882

OFFICE Manager-Part-time for small construction firm. 20-30 hours per week. Customer Service; computer skills necessary. Hourly. D.O.E. 510-763-6933

OPERATIONS COORDINATOR Leading service company seeks energetic motivated multi-task oriented individual. Flexible hours. Benefits 510-749-1450.

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PART-TIME permanent (20 hours/week) assistant to Office Manager for Holistic chiropractic practice, North Oakland/Rockridge. Enjoy working with people, strong marketing ability, insurance billing, patient scheduling, bookkeeping, computer skills. Must have own car, live in East Bay. Holistic experience preferred. Resume ACC, 5273 College, Oakland 94618. Fax: 510-652-2326

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PRODUCTION Workers/ Assembler, Machine Operator, Warehouse. Start \$9.50/hour. Laser Agency, 1430 Franklin, Oakland, 893-9612.

QUICKEN and MICROSOFT ACCESS skills needed for home-base office, 15-30 hours/week; flexible schedule during weekday business hours. Bookkeeping, office and computer work. Redwood Heights, Oakland. \$12/hr fax resume to: 510-433-7342 or Microsoft Access skills. Message/Fax: 510-482-1800.

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RECEPTIONIST, 1pm-6pm for year round school. Strong phone presence as well as clerical and computer knowledge a must. Experience with children necessary. Pay is \$8 per hour. Send resume to: Beacon School, 2101 Livingston Street, Oakland 94608; or fax to 437-2314 Attention: Ann Graham.

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RETAIL Sales: North Berkeley Pharmacy. Full/part-time detail-oriented person who enjoys people. Please call: 510-526-6414.

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TEACHER, credentialed, part-time for learning centers. Oakland/Richmond. 6-12 hours/week. Call 763-3701.

TEACHER, Experience with LD/AD students. One on one reading/math remediation. Credential preferred. Learning Center in Albany. 510-524-6455

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TERMITE Repair: qualified, motivated individual Top pay and benefits. 532-0450

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COMPANION/ Driver/ Cook with strong English skills needed for elder. Apartment plus salary provided in her Berkeley Hills home. Music/cultural interests a plus. Send resume to: Box 332, 1563 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 94707

HOUSECLEANER/ Ironing, Piedmont. Monday and Friday 8 hours/ day. Wednesday 4 hours. English speaking. 655-1457.

CAREGIVER/ Companion, for weekend live-in, with elderly woman. Berkeley Hills. Experience with giving personal care, and strong English skills are essential. Send resume to: Box 332, 1563 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 94707.

409 Childcare Wanted SPECIAL Needs Assistant, Part-time, 10 year old CP student, positioning, feeding, driving, experience. Piedmont. 933-2273.

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NANNIES Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee. Moma Away, 556-9195

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TWO rambunctious 16 month olds. Rockridge neighbors seek full-time dynamic with child development skills. 654-5019

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NANNY needed 3 days per week (30 hours) to care for our 6 1/2 month old girl. Loving, interactive, and experienced. English speaking, CDL, references. Please share. Upper Rockridge. 656-6824

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Big Game: What's it all about, Andre?

By Scott Strain

Is the Big Game a really big deal to those who actually play the game? Or is it mainly for bragging rights among the red-and-white, blue-and-gold alumni and alumna?

Saturday's game, of course, is the 100th Big Game, so it engenders more hoopla than it does normally, if anything about Big Game Week can be considered normal. But the players themselves, especially those from outside the Bay Area, have to grow into the Big Game. There are always a lot of distractions (parties, luncheons, and the like), but there are more of them this year.

Now it's a one game-season, as Stanford coach Tyrone Willingham said Monday. What do the players think of all this? Some comments from Cal players:

Linebacker Andre Rhodes (senior, L.A.): "When I got here my first year, I heard everybody talking about the Big Game, and I thought, 'What's this all about?' I didn't

know anything about it. Down there (SoCal), it's all USC-UCLA. The (Big Game) feeling is sorta like a bug. Over the years, it grows and grows."

Center Jeremy Newberry (junior, Antioch): "My father played for Cal, and I've been going to Cal games since I was a little kid. I've always disliked Stanford and liked Cal, and I was aware of that rivalry throughout my career. It's something that builds throughout my childhood and my career here. Obviously, you play them (Stanford) and every year you are more and more aware of how much this rivalry means to people outside the football team."

Tailback Tarik Smith (senior, Agoura): "This is my last game, the

biggest game I've ever played in. I didn't know much about it (the Big Game) when I first got here. When I saw half the stadium was red and the other half was blue and all the people sitting in the aisles I was surprised. I've seen five Big Games, and when I leave I'll take the rivalry with me. The freshmen are going to see what it's all about and I won't have to do much. They'll see one of the biggest Big Games ever."

WR Bobby Shaw (senior, S.F.): "For the younger players, you just want them to experience the game for themselves, you don't want to add any pressure. You don't want them thinking about all the hype. You just want them to prepare for the game. The Big Game grows on you — you don't have any choice."

It is something that is really important for any college player, to have a rivalry-type game, where you don't get hype like in the pros, it's extra pressure."

Offensive tackle Brian Brown (senior, San Diego): "It took a couple of years to find out what the Big Game was. There was a bowl game where you get to go on each year about this. The younger players are getting rumors about things that occur this week. I won't tell you what they are — they will be known at the time they occur. It is a special time; you get to do something good. This is the rituals and traditions of the game."

Hoops at UNC Big Game night

By Scott Strain

The Cal men's basketball team lists nine players in its media guide. It is allowed more players. Before a scrimmage last week at the Oakland Arena, seven scholarship players were introduced, along with eight walk-ons.

Clearly the Golden Bears are shorthanded right now. They open the 1997-98 season Saturday at North Carolina, not the easiest of opponents, Cal fans might not notice — it is also Big Game day.

Last season, the Bears went 23-9, beat eventual national champion Arizona in its last Pac-10 game, and advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 before losing to the Tar Heels, 63-57. It was Ben Braun's first year at Cal, and he was voted the Pac-10 Coach of the Year.

If Cal does well this season, he should be named again. Cal lost all five starters and its top two reserves from last year's team. The program was also slapped with a year's probation by the NCAA, so to Todd Bozeman's antics, so postseason hopes are nonexistent.

One of the little-known effects

of the probation was that Cal couldn't schedule any of those tune-up exhibitions that normally grace a team's slate — no games against the Slovakian National Team or the Hamas International Touring Side. Last week's scrimmage was it. On to North Carolina.

Braun's job is as big as it was last year, when an unfamiliar coach led a group of senior-laden players. This year, a more familiar coach directs an unfamiliar group of players.

"I think this group is going to have to get a starting point and build from there because we are looking at so many new faces, so many different players and different backgrounds," Braun said. "The adjustments are going to be many. It's a real challenge for us this year."

Even though the players are new, most of them have college experience. Local high-school legend Raymond "Circus" King of El Cerrito is eligible, after sitting out a year after transferring from San Diego State. The 5-foot-10 guard played 28 games for the Aztecs two years ago.

Junior 6-3 guard Geno Carlisle came from Northwestern and 6-3

junior guard Thomas Kilgore comes from Central Michigan and were two-year starters.

Junior 6-6 forward Michael Jones played 21 games for Pittsburg two years ago.

All three players played in the recent scrimmage, against Carlisle and Kilgore, who had some impressive 3-pointers.

Top returnees are 6-11 forward Sean Marks and 6-10 center Jones, both of whom will be on to provide some inside defense and rebounding. Marks, the "marquee" player (he's featured on the cover of the media guide), is only a returnee to ever start a game for Cal.

Marks had some impressive games for the Bears last season, averaged 8.0 points and 3.1 rebounds a game. Jones averaged 10.5 points and 2.5 rebounds in his playing time.

The most intriguing prospect is 7-0 junior center Francisco Jones from Rotterdam. He spent two years at Kilgore (Texas) JC. He'll be a seven-footer to play for Cal. John Wardell in 1965-66.

MOCHA: Exploring A Child's World

The Museum of Children's Art, (MOCHA) was founded in 1988 to encourage hands-on learning of the arts to develop cognitive and visual education for children. It has provided art programs at more than 50 public schools in the East Bay and more than 20 community agencies. Their art programs focus on learning and development to improve a child's quality of life through artistic expression.

"The arts provide children with experiences essential for their whole development," says Program Director Marion Fredman. "Performance and education in the arts contributes to creative problem solving, critical judgment and self discipline."

When you visit MOCHA, you will always find changing exhibits in the gallery. These works are presented by children in the Bay Area through participating schools. The images and themes hung on the walls will astonish you with their

honesty, talent and imagination. "MOCHA provides the environment and opportunity for children to learn various skills, enjoy making art and benefit from appreciating the work of other young people, while celebrating their own creativity," says Fredman.

There are a number of unique programs offered at MOCHA. There are field trips held in the "classroom space" for school groups at a nominal cost. The "Open Studio" is held after school on weekdays with an artist in residence from 3:30 - 5 p.m. MOCHA also has an "open studio" for the whole family on weekends along with classes in all kinds of art.

Funding for MOCHA is an ongoing process "We rely largely on grants and donations," says Fredman. "These are both individual and corporate. In addition, we now have memberships. Our retail store, on site classes and birthday parties contribute to our maintenance as well."

BUSINESS FOCUS

by Laura Fischer

MOCHA has exciting plans for the holidays. "Share the Light" is a candelabra making event for Hanukkah. Their Winter Holiday Camp happens from December 22 through the 31st. Join them for the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Jack London Square on November 25 for interactive art activities. See you at MOCHA!

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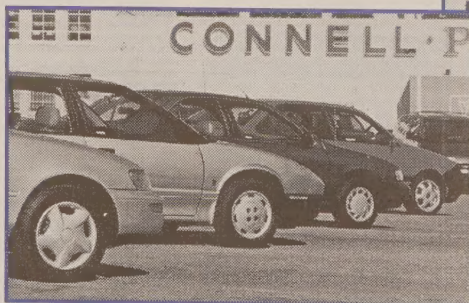
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